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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

APRIL 2008

When graduating seniors return to Whitworth from their final Spring Break, their emotions really start banging into each other. They are greeted by stout little buds and blossoms and they feel the newness of spring, but they also feel old and not ready to start another cycle of anything. Seniors return to campus all revved up about moving on, but their steps get deliberate as they take final walks among the people (and trees) they have grown to love. They know they are just about done with Whitworth. But they're not sure if they want Whitworth to be done with them. Two weeks ago I had a meeting at the home of Chuck, '65, and Karlyn (Allbee, '67) Boppell, in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Because here in Spokane those "stout little buds and blossoms" were choking in snow, I naturally suggested we meet at Chuck's. And because it wasn't my house, I naturally suggested we have a barbecue for eight members of the Class of '97 who were, I heard, down there hacking their way around some desert golf courses. These guys were all freshmen during my first year at Whitworth. I remember them well. They've done a lot since graduation. Collectively, they could build you a house, give you a root canal, provide you with much-needed psychiatric care, teach and coach your kids, supply all your gear for a luxury fishing vacation, host you on that luxury fishing vacation, make sure the guy in the boat next to you (on his discount fishing vacation) has a fishing license, and find you a bigger office building, which you might need to fund your luxury fishing vacation. But we were impressed not only with what these guys had done with their Whitworth educations; we were also impressed with what Whitworth continues to do with its alums. Years, miles, joys and pains have distanced this group from graduation, but the hearts of these guys reflected a stubborn desire to honor God, follow Christ and serve humanity. The day after I returned home, one of them wrote to me and said that he is getting more from his Whitworth education now than he did when he was in college. So, as the members of the Class of 2008 begin their kick to the finish line, it feels good to be reminded that Whitworth will never really be finished with them. And we hope they won't ever really be finished with Whitworth.

ACADEMICS

Many of our faculty members do not stop teaching when the semester ends. For example, in May . . .

- Jim Waller (Psychology) will be one of the teachers for 20 government officials from around the world at the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. This week-long seminar on the grounds of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz (Poland) works on issues of genocide warning and prevention.
- Melinda Larson, '92, (Athletic Training) will travel to Guatemala with a team from Athletes in Action (a division of Campus Crusade for Christ) to teach sports medicine to a variety of audiences including coaches, doctors and therapists. Mel is a recent recipient of the Northwest Athletic Trainers Association's Educators Award.

We have some great lectures and other events coming up on campus.

- University of Colorado Professor Jan Kreider will lecture April 10 on "Alternative Energy in the U.S. and its Global Implications."
- Our own Walter Hutchens (Economics & Business) will lecture April 24 on "China's Economic Rise: Global Challenge or Opportunity?" as part of our Great Decisions Lecture Series.
- Martin Marty, professor emeritus of the University of Chicago Divinity School and probably the most celebrated church historian in the United States, will speak on April 17.
- Gin Hammond, winner of the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actress, Resident Play, will perform *The Syringa Tree*, a one-woman play about growing up in South Africa during the 1960s, on April 15.
- Award-winning poet Christopher Howell, Whitworth's Endowed English Reader for 2008, will read from his works on Friday, April 11. Howell's eighth collection of poems, *Light's Ladder*, won the Washington State Book Award in 2005.

For additional information about times and venues, visit www.whitworth.edu/speakers&artists.

If you're in Spokane on April 12, you might want to attend The Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference. This year, Gonzaga University is hosting the event, at which students from Whitworth, Gonzaga and Eastern Washington University will present their academic work.

Mike Ingram (Academic Affairs) took 15 students from his Advanced Public Speaking class to a regional forensics tournament at Spokane Falls Community College. The team won many individual awards in speaking and debating, and they captured the first-place sweepstakes award. I taught a class to this group. I can see why they did so well!

Under the category of "It's nicer to say goodbye than good riddance," Art Zombies, the junior art exhibit running April 1-18 in the Koehler Gallery, commemorates the influence and character of the soon-to-be-razed Whitworth Fine Arts Building. Student-artist Elizabeth Johnson describes the exhibit it as "a requiem for the aura of the building and the students who inhabit it." I've known Elizabeth for many years, and she's always appreciated funky stuff. Also, the senior art exhibit opens April 22 and runs through May 17 in the Koehler Gallery.

Our students will be active academically in April.

- Computer-science students will hear research presentations in the areas of computer security and bioinformatics at the University of Idaho; they will attend a career/vocation seminar at W.S.U., and they'll meet with employees at Seattle's Adobe Corporation, to talk about professional life after college.

- Four sociology students will attend the Pacific Sociological Association meeting this spring in Portland, Ore.
- David Howell, '08, will step down as student president for the Northwest Athletic Trainers Association, which serves athletic-training students in five states. He will remain, however, a collector's item as the recipient of a rare Bill Robinson-generated assist in intramural hoops.
- Kelly Fink, '10, will take a seat as an inaugural member of the Athletic Training Student Committee of the National Athletic Trainers Association. Kelly will also be spending this summer applying her athletic-training skills during a medical missionary trip to Kenya.

A new book, *Christians, the Care of Creation, and Global Climate Change*, edited by Lindy Scott (Modern Languages), offers a breath of fresh air on the complex and often controversial topic of global climate change. Lindy says, "The book is a cogent and persuasive call to love God and our neighbors by caring for creation—especially in light of the dramatic climate changes occurring before our eyes. This book is not the final word on the subject, but it is a sincere invitation to examine the scientific evidence for global warming and to respond with individual and collective faithful actions."

This semester, 36 academic courses and more than 300 students are actively involved in service-learning in more than 39 agencies in the greater Spokane area. One example is the Acting I class led by Brooke Kiener, '99 (Theatre). Her students help eighth graders write reflective monologues about their lives. The topics range from humorous vignettes to issues of homelessness, domestic violence, racism and alcohol abuse. You'll be able to hear a pin drop at the school assembly during which Whitworth's theatre students breathe passion, humor, and skill into the poignant monologues written by these junior-high students.

ENROLLMENT

The financial aid office has sent out awards to all new freshmen and transfer students who applied by the priority deadline of March 1. If you know a student who is planning to start at Whitworth this fall and who has filed a FAFSA, but has not yet heard from the financial aid office, please have him or her call 800.533.4668 to speak with a staff member. Also, don't forget the May 1 deposit deadline!

In May and June, the financial aid office will e-mail 2008-09 renewal award notifications to current students. The priority deadline to file the FAFSA for need-based financial aid is May 1. Merit scholarships are renewed automatically.

STUDENT LIFE

Hiring student leaders for next year consumed the last part of March, but ASWU was able to squeeze in a dodgeball tournament and a visit by a magician before Spring Break. April features ASWU elections. Campaigns are firing up. I had lunch with three students today. When I asked what they thought about the elections, they said they couldn't remember all the candidates. I was relieved to find they thought I was referring to the ASWU elections! April will also feature the Hawaiian Club's Lu'au. May will be launched by Springfest, with a *Spring into the Caribbean* theme; all proceeds will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

From ASWU President Scott Donnell: "Spring break was full of great road trips to various destinations: California for sports trips and sunshine, Utah for kayaking, and Colorado for rock-climbing. Now we're in the home stretch. There are six solid weeks of class before summer hits, and students are in need of a boost. Please send cards, cookies, and/or cash to keep all students from burning out and to prevent seniors from catching senioritis too early."

RESOURCES

The Lied Center for the Visual Arts continues to rise. The structure is enclosed, and interior work has begun. To see photos, go to www.whitworth.edu/vab.

Plans are under way to build a 168-bed residence hall just north and west of Duvall Hall to open in fall of 2009. Two buildings in The Village will be removed after the completion of this facility for a net increase of about 128 beds. The new hall supports our goal of housing roughly two-thirds of our full-time undergraduate students.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth's men's basketball team advanced further in the NCAA Division III tournament than any previous team, falling in the sectional semifinals (Div. III's Sweet Sixteen) to Wheaton College. Ryan Symes, Whitworth's NWC Player of the Year, was named to both the D3hoops.com and NABC All-Region teams. Ryan "retired" in fine fashion, leading the Pirates with 29 points in his final game as a Buc. The Pirates finished the season with a 21-7 record.

The Pirate women's swimming team finished 10th at the NCAA Division III Women's Swimming and Diving Championships. Sophomore Natalie Turner turned in All-America performances in the 200, 500, and 1,650-yard freestyle events. She set new school and NWC records in the 500 and 1,650. Senior Samantha Kephart closed her storied career at Whitworth with a third-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly and fourth-place standing in the 100 fly – the eighth and ninth All-America performances of her career.

Sophomore Cody Stelzer finished as the runner-up in the high jump (clearing 6'9.75") at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships. He came in second at the outdoor championships last spring and finished in sixth place at last winter's NCAA indoor meet, making him three-for-three in national-championship All-America finishes.

The Whitworth tennis teams are enjoying their best season in years. The Pirate women are 12-4 overall, 10-2 in the NWC and No. 13 in the west region. Whitworth's men are 12-8 overall, 9-5 in the NWC, and No. 15 in the WR.

Weather has played havoc with the schedules of Whitworth's baseball and softball teams. The baseball team has been able to play only two of its 26 games at Merkel Field. Two home series have been moved to warmer/drier parts of the Northwest to get the games in. In spite of those difficulties, the Pirates are 11-15 overall and 10-10 in the NWC.

Snow sent the softball team to Pasco to play defending national champion Linfield. The women haven't yet been able to play at Diana Marks Field, due to the strange "spring" weather in Spokane. The Pirates went 2-6 during their Spring Break trip to California, which included games against five nationally ranked teams. Whitworth is 8-16 so far this season.

In golf, the men's team won its Spring Break match vs. Warner Southern College, in Lake Wales, Fla., by one shot (300-299). Andrew Parrott shot a 72 to lead the Pirates to victory. Senior Jordan Carter's grandparents helped arrange the Spring Break trip to Florida and provided free housing for the team. The Whitworth men came from behind to finish second at the NWC Spring Classic, keeping the Pirates tied atop the conference standings and giving the team a chance to win their fourth NWC title in a row. The Pirate women finished fifth at their NWC Spring Classic.

Finally, my apologies to Natalie Orrell for last month referring to her as Natalie Turner. N.O. earned honorable mention in the Northwest Conference for women's basketball. Mistakenly, I listed her as N.T., who repeated as NWC Outstanding Women's Swimmer. We have too many great Natalies!

MISCELLANEOUS

Spread the Aloha is the theme of this year's Hawaiian Club Lu'au on April 12, and you won't want to miss this spread. Dinner, which includes kalua pork, teriyaki beef, shoyu chicken, pineapple upside-down cake, sweet potatoes and fresh pineapple, begins at 5:30 p.m. and is followed by the always crowd-pleasing dance and entertainment portions of the program. Call the HUB information desk at 509.777.3796 for ticket information.

The Whitworth Choir's spring concert, Ring in the Thousand Years of Peace, takes place on Sunday, April 20, at 3 p.m., at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 127 E. 12th Ave. The concert, conducted by Marc A. Hafso (Music), will feature works by Charles Stanford, J.S. Bach, Healey Willan, Jonathan Dove, Robert Schumann, and Lionel Daunais. Donations will be accepted at the door. For additional info, please call the music office at 509.777.3280.

It's Sunday night, the end of Spring Break. I started this newsletter two days ago while I was flying south. I'm now flying north. Before climbing on this plane I was chatting with a couple freshman guys (who are several rows behind me, following me, which means I am leading them – true leadership). In 15 years they will be the alumni I mentioned in the opening paragraph. I know this because they are good, honest and eager. They are good because they spent their Spring Break in tents, camping with middle-schoolers. They are honest because when I lavished them with praise, one responded by saying, "I didn't know what I was getting into." And they're eager because they're looking forward to getting back to Whitworth. So am I. Thanks for your part in equipping our students to serve the world.

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DECEMBER 2008

We at Whitworth send Advent greetings to all of you. Across the globe and through the ages we unite in our beckoning prayer: Come now, Lord Jesus. This weekend Bonnie and I found ourselves in the company of parents who witness first-hand the stamp of Whitworth on their children's lives. As our oldest daughter, Brenna, affirmed the vows that ordained her into the gospel ministry of the Presbyterian Church, she was surrounded and supported by her Whitworth professors and friends. I report this on behalf of all the families who feel gratitude for this community's embrace. Working here did not exempt us from a little anxiety as Brenna moved into Baldwin-Jenkins in Sept. 1996. Like all parents, we entered into the joys and sorrows and failures and triumphs of her college years. But I'm not sure we realized how deeply the warm companionship of her teachers sustained her. Yesterday, it was clear. The Whitworth faculty lifts up "mind and heart" as far more than a slogan.

I suspect most of you have some form of economic news fatigue. So forgive me for piling more on, but many people have asked how this difficult period is affecting Whitworth. I thought you might find it helpful if I introduced each section with a few comments on how we are responding in such unstable times.

ACADEMICS

Our fiscal conservatism has led us to implement many of the measures being taken by other universities that are making the news. For example, when we have a faculty opening, we never just assume it will be filled. Because of our steady growth, filling openings has been the norm, but the economy will energize our vigilance across the university in looking for ways to reduce our payroll without laying anyone off. One economic blow to our academic quality would be if our students found themselves unable to experience our off-campus programs. As we prepare for Jan Term, we're keeping an eye on this.

Our new specialty endorsement in deaf education has been approved by the Washington State Professional Educational Standards Board. We appreciate the work of Lindaman Chair Betty Williams (Education) in leading this effort.

Over 650 elementary-age children participated in the annual Whitworth Writing Rally. Lisa Laurier (Education) directed this event. Invited author David Shannon made a point of addressing the unique qualities of the rally. He told the audience he does events like this across the country and has never seen one that combines the elements of an author presentation with children and adults writing together. It's why he wanted to come back to his hometown of Spokane.

Whitworth received a \$20,000 grant from the Crowell Trust to support the Master in Theology Program. This grant will support students, assist with program marketing, and provide for a special course taught by a leading theologian. It's a great gift!

Our faculty spoke about the presidential election on Election Night. Michael LeRoy '89, (Academic Affairs) was on KXLY-TV, Jim McPherson (Communication Studies) was on KJRB Radio with the Associated Press, and Lindy Scott (Spanish) was on KMBI Radio. Mike Ingram (Academic Affairs) and Lindy Scott also debated Oct. 31 at Horizon Middle School, in Spokane Valley.

Whitworth's Ethics Bowl team won the Northwest Regional Ethics Bowl, held Nov. 15 at The Boeing Co., in Seattle. The team was undefeated in five rounds of competition. Members include Dan Herve, '10, and Chris Caldwell, Heather Stevens, Kelly Vincent, and Nicole Holland, all '09. Coaches are Mike Ingram (Academic Affairs) and Keith Wyma (Philosophy). The team will compete at the national Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl, in Cincinnati, next March.

Four music students won awards at the Inland Northwest National Association of Teachers of Singing Auditions. In their respective class categories, Mollie McComb, '10, took first place, Ira McIntosh, '12, took second, Ryan Gerhard, '11, took third, and Ellie VerGowe, '10, earned honorable mention.

The Whitworth Symphony Orchestra, directed by Phillip Baldwin, presented a concert, *Imitations & Inspirations*, Nov. 22. The concert featured solos by voice instructor Patricia Blankenship-Mortier, in Brahms's *Alto Rhapsody*, and head of vocal studies Scott Miller in *Fuor del Mar*, from Mozart's *Idomeneo*. Both of these faculty members have performed across the U.S. as well as locally.

Last month Brent Edstrom (Music) received a contract from Oxford University Press to write a book on music technology. He was also recently commissioned by singer Freda Payne to do an arrangement of Billy Strayhorn's *Lush Life* for the Thaliens' 53rd Annual Gala Ball honoring Clint Eastwood. The performance took place in L.A. on Nov. 2. I would have loved meeting Freda Payne and Clint Eastwood.

ENROLLMENT

Our biggest source of revenue is tuition. If enrollment dips, we suffer financially. While Whitworth currently enjoys more demand than it can supply, we are still vulnerable. If families can't find the money for college, our demand will erode. We are scrutinizing our budget in search of all the financial-aid dollars we can find. This

would be a great year for people to think about a Christmas gift that helps a college student. Also, over the years we have received gifts marked "for president's discretion." I have directed all of those gifts for emergency financial-aid situations, and I will continue that practice. So that would be another great way to help students who are getting smacked by the economy.

As of today, we have received 3,983 applications for fall 2009 admission. Some applications are still incomplete, but today is the early-action deadline, so many of the admissions files have been acted upon or will be soon.

STUDENT LIFE

Finances may drive some students to the cheapest living situation they can find. This can be unfortunate both academically and socially. Living off campus can be significantly less expensive if students are crowded or far from Whitworth. But as one who spent his senior year of college stuffed with three other guys into a tiny one-bedroom apartment, I can vouch for the negative impact on learning.

November was packed with activities. Along with basketball, Frisbee and volleyball games, students participated in intramural tennis and dodgeball tournaments. Some also rock-climbed at Wild Walls. One of the most interesting events (that's code for "one to which I was invited but chose not to attend") was the Up 'til Dawn Program. Students participated in an all-night letter-writing campaign aimed at raising money to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which serves kids who have catastrophic illnesses. November also offered the annual Warren Peace talent show and Cultural Awareness Week, which included a beading workshop sponsored by the Four Directions Native Club, several events dealing with discovering one's cultural identity, and the annual International Banquet.

Two programs designed to help students go deep took place in November. Eighty-five male students participated in the first ever Mancation, a 24-hour men's retreat at Camp Reed. It was a time for the men to have fun together and listen to the wisdom of three highly respected guys. The speakers hit on topics such as diligence, responsibility, empathy, purity, fatherhood, the importance of fellowship, mentoring, and how to commit to God. As a result of the retreat, 40 of the guys signed up to be in men's small groups. Mac RD Sean Mulcahy and RAs Dustin Benac and Justin Hymac did much of the planning.

Resident Director Katrina Golden and alumnus and former student leader Janae Brewster designed a program called *Permission to Struggle*. Their purpose was to provide an opportunity for our community to spend an evening in individual reflection and expression about unspoken struggles. About 250 students walked through stations that provided space, time and permission to pause, to hurt, to question, to pray, to struggle. We hope that students became aware that they're not alone as they wrestle through difficult circumstances and issues, and that healing, peace, redemption and grace may be found in God.

RESOURCES

This area could get hit hardest by the economy. Monthly giving has held up well. Thank you! December gifts, however, often include appreciated assets – currently considered collectors' items. So we could get behind on our budgeted Whitworth Fund income. Further, we need some sizable contributions to get started on the new science building. Finally, we need gifts that can be applied to financial aid in order to maintain our enrollment. The silver lining in the cloud is that we're hoping construction costs for the science building come in lower than our contractor has estimated. Perhaps more than ever, we will appreciate any support you can provide at this time. It's rough when our donors' capacity goes down and our need goes up. Gifts sent by mail should be postmarked before Dec. 31 to be counted in this tax year. You can also visit www.whitworth.edu/give or call the advancement office at 800.532.4668 to make a gift. Thank you so much for your faithful support of the Whitworth mission. You are crucial!

Construction for the new residence hall continues to enjoy great weather. We're on schedule and students are excited about the prospect of new digs.

ATHLETICS

The men's cross-country team put together its best season in decades. The Pirates won their first Northwest Conference title since 1972, then won their

first-ever NCAA West Region championship to earn an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III championships. Nick Gallagher won the regional individual title and was named Men's West Region Athlete of the Year. Head Coach Toby Schwarz is Regional Coach of the Year.

Men's soccer won its second straight NWC title – its fourth in the last five years. Whitworth hosted a first-round NCAA tournament match and the Bucs fought hard to tie Augsburg (Minn.), but lost a PK shootout 4-2. Caleb Barnhill was named the NWC Offensive Player of the Year and Sean Bushéy earned his fourth NWC Men's Coach of the Year award. Whitworth finished the year 14-2-4.

Women's soccer finished the season by winning nine of its final 10 matches for a 15-4-1 record. There was disappointment when Whitworth was not awarded one of the at-large berths available to the national tournament, but that didn't take away from the accomplishments of another great season, led by First Team All-NWC members Kelly Baker and Whitney Ramsey.

The football team won its final four games to finish 6-3 overall. Running back Adam Anderson was named Co-NWC Offensive Player of the Year after leading all of NCAA Division III in all-purpose yards and scoring. He was joined on the All-NWC First Team by Jeff Kintner and Brandon Martin.

The volleyball team finished 14-14, and Kaimi Rocha was named First Team All-NWC.

The swimming teams are off to strong starts. Both are unbeaten in dual meets this season, and each won its half of the Northwest Invitational fairly handily last weekend. Brittany Gresset has dominated the sprints this season, posting the conference's best times in the 50 and 100 freestyles. Rory Buck has already broken the school's record in the men's 100 breaststroke, held for more than 12 years by John Rasmussen, '97.

Men's basketball won the Johns Hopkins Blue Jay Invitational to open the season, defeating Brockport St. (N.Y.) and the hosts on the way to the title. David Riley scored a tournament-record 34 points in the win over Brockport, then scored 11 straight points to help Whitworth pull away from JHU late in the second half. He was named tournament MVP.

The women's basketball team opened the season in Hawaii against three NCAA Division II opponents. Whitworth defeated Chaminade behind a double-double from sophomore post Liz Horiatis. The Pirates lost to both BYU-Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific; Cassie Pilkinton led the team in scoring in both games.

ALUMNI

Free basketball! We will hold our annual Alumni Nights at the Fieldhouse (free admission, snacks, and door prizes) on Jan. 3 and Jan. 17, when the Bucs take on Pacific and PLU, respectively. All other home games (Jan. 2, 16 and 20) are also free to alumni and their families. Start times and matchups are available on the athletics website.

Registration continues for alumni, parents and friends to join the Core 650 trip to Argentina and Uruguay with Choral Director Marc A. Hafso and the renowned Whitworth Choir. Go to www.whitworth.edu/southamerica09 for the details on this May 18-31 trip.

Mike Jeffers and Susan (Rogers) Jeffers, both '76, witnessed the coronation of their daughter, Stephany Jeffers, '07, as Miss Alaska. She will participate in the Miss America Pageant in Las Vegas, to be shown on the TLC channel Jan. 24.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Christmas Festival Concerts, *Gaudete! Rejoice! Heaven and Earth Are Full of Thy Glory*, will take place in Bellevue, Seattle and Spokane, and will feature the Whitworth Choir and the Whitworth Women's Choir, accompanied by brass and wind student ensembles and organ. The concerts are scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 6 at First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue; at 3 p.m. Dec. 7 at First Presbyterian Church of Seattle; and at 8 p.m. Dec. 12 and 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 13 at First Presbyterian Church of Spokane. Tickets: \$18 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors 62 and older. Tickets for all concerts may be purchased by calling 800.532.4668. Tickets may also be purchased online at www.whitworth.edu/musictickets. For more information, please call 509.777.3280.

On Nov. 11, Fenton Duvall, longtime professor of history at Whitworth, died peacefully at the age of 96. He joined the Whitworth faculty in 1949, serving as professor of history, co-founding the Core program with Professor Emeritus of English Clarence Simpson, and becoming the first faculty member to lead an international Jan Term study program. He also served as dean of students for four years. Fenton's last visit to Whitworth was in fall 2006 for the dedication ceremony of Duvall Hall, named for him at the request of a group of alumni who contributed generously to the building fund. He once said, "I believe you can truly have a Christian liberal-arts college where the commitment to Christ is firm and strong and deep and positive, but, at the same time, you're not afraid to be open to ambiguities and paradoxes and the fact that we don't have all the answers." That's what he loved about Whitworth. Memorial gifts to honor Fenton's life may be made to the R. Fenton Duvall Endowed Scholarship Fund at Whitworth. For more information, please call 800.532.4668 or 509.777.3243.

Let me close by offering you wishes for a wonderful Christmas. Because we thought that holiday cards were an expense we could cut, this greeting will have to do. But please know that our appreciation for you is at an all-time high. St. Augustine prayed, "The heart of man is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." May your heart find rest in the Savior during this Advent season.



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FEBRUARY 2008

I'm in the air again, riding and writing on a flight from Washington, D.C., to Tucson. It's a good thing I'm not flying over Spokane, because we're cruising at 34,000 feet and the campus has about 35,000 feet of snow on the ground. It's ridiculous. Last Monday we closed school for the first time in 12 years. The next day I had the weather chasing me across the country. When I landed for my connection in Chicago the temperature was 49 degrees. After a four-hour layover, it was 5. Whoa! Last night in D.C., Whitworth Board of Trustees Chair Elect Walter Oliver and I accepted, on behalf of Whitworth, the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities' Racial Harmony Award. The honor felt gratifying, even though we are so unfinished in our racial-justice efforts. In accepting the award, I expressed my sincere appreciation to the CCCU, but my deepest gratitude was for Walt. As a young African-American attending Whitworth in the turbulent '60s, Walt excavated the best of Whitworth's mission out of some pretty rough terrain. He never ignored the bad, but he always lifted up the good. He graduated in 1967 and has enjoyed an immensely successful career, culminating in his current senior vice presidency with General Dynamics. Through the years, Walt and Shirley Oliver, '77, have blessed Whitworth so generously. In his role as a board member, Walt's wisdom, hard work and major financial contributions represent a significant chapter in the current Whitworth story. So when he stood to accept the award for Whitworth, it was not the first time Walt had stood for Whitworth, nor did he stand alone. He has been standing for his alma mater for some 45 years, and he stands with all the alumni of color who never gave up on Whitworth, even when we let them down. For those alumni, for you and for all of Christ's blessings, we enter this Lenten season filled with thankfulness.

ACADEMICS

The spring term began with the third annual Faculty Scholarship Celebration Luncheon. This is a time of recognizing the breadth and depth of faculty scholarly work. In the previous academic year, 88 faculty members engaged in scholarship that was published, presented or performed. You can read the entire list of their good work on our website at www.whitworth.edu/facultyscholarship.

Our Speakers & Artists Series highlights Black History Month. Gospel Explosion returns to Cowles Auditorium on Feb. 8 at 7 p.m., along with a Kumba workshop (on Feb. 23), and a lecture on the black press during World War II. (Complete schedule: www.whitworth.edu/speakers&artists.)

While some students traveled the world in Jan Term, many on campus built local excursions into their coursework. For example:

- Ginny Whitehouse (Communication Studies) took her Intercultural Communication class to spend the day with the newly formed Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Church, at Spokane's Immaculate Heart Retreat Center.
- Chemistry professors Drew Budner and Deanna Ojennus hosted five middle- and high-school classes; each class worked with Whitworth students to set up a simulated crime lab and to solve a fictitious crime.
- Ben Brody, '97, (Music) traveled with his Music of the Christian Church students to local worship services, studying music's functions in worship.
- Brooke Kiener, '99, (Theatre) led her Community Arts and Practice class to work with students at Havermale High (an alternative school in Spokane) to write short plays about their life experiences and the effects of poverty. After mentoring teens through the playwriting process, the Whitworth students joined the high schoolers in rehearsing the scripts and performing them as staged readings at the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture.
- Patrick Van Inwegen (Political Science) took his United Nations class to a model U.N. conference in Vancouver, B.C., with students representing Tanzania, World Vision, and Bosnia-Herzegovina, among others.
- Mike Sardinia, '87, (Biology) had his Field Parasitology students snow-camping in the mountains north of Kettle Falls to collect fecal samples from deer. Sounds lovely.

Whitworth science students recently presented their research at the Murdock Undergraduate Science Research Conference. Below are some projects I'm sure you've all been wondering about.

- "Nle¹ AIV Increases Hippocampal Matrix Metalloproteinases in Culture: A Possible Treatment for Alzheimer's": Paige Claiborn, Ben Moresco, Lisa Rodin; Mike Sardinia, research advisor. (It won't be long before I'll be looking for more Nle¹ AIV in my dang hippocampal matrix metalloproteinases.)
- "Synthesis and Characterization of Cyclopentadienylchromium (III) Complexes": Ben Barrick, Evan Worden; Kerry Breno, research advisor
- "Prussian Blue-Based Electrochemical Sensor for Hydrogen Peroxide": John Hauck; Drew Budner, research advisor
- "Enhanced Fluorescence from Rose Bengal due to Reverse Intersystem Crossing": Jenna Cunningham; John Larkin, research advisor
- "Modeling Excited State Absorption Properties in Scattering Media": Sean McGuire; John Larkin, research advisor
- "Simulations of Plasma Propulsion and Pulsed Electromagnetic Power": Jennifer Johnston, Joshua Simmons; Kamesh Sankaran, research advisor

Whitworth values the role of internships, in which students see the implementation of academic ideas, develop pre-professional skills, and make a difference in the organizations and communities they serve. Here are a few examples:

- Journalism major Tracey Brown, '08, interned at KXLY-TV in Spokane, where she produced portions of shows, organized interviews, wrote stories for the website, shadowed photographers and reporters, and acted as promotions department representative at live shots.
- Psychology major Catherine Furber, '09, interned at the YWCA's domestic-violence shelter, working with women struggling to escape abuse.

- Marc Grow, '08, completed an accounting internship with the Smith Richards Group on Mercer Island. Marc contributed to the firm by creating reports that were used by clients; he also taught a class on basic finance to families in transitional housing.
- Speech communication major Katie Skattebo, '08, interned at Hospice of Spokane in the Communication and Development Department and coordinated a biannual community memorial service and meal.
- Political science major Shaina Western, '08, completed an internship at the Center for Justice, where she ran the Drivers Relicensing Program. While seeing the devastating consequences poverty has on individuals and the community, Shaina experienced great satisfaction in working with clients who re-earned their licenses.

From Feb. 12 to March 20, the Whitworth Art Department will host a show featuring the works of Northwest artist Robert Grimes. Grimes paints his freshly hewn surfaces in oils and further modifies them with chiseled lines and areas of bas-relief; his pieces often take months to complete. Grimes will present a lecture Feb. 12 at 7 p.m., at the conclusion of the opening reception.

The Whitworth Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dan Keberle, has been honored once again by being selected to perform at the 2008 Washington Music Educators Association All-State Conference. The ensemble, which just returned from another fabulous tour of Rome, Florence, and Venice, will perform at noon on Friday, Feb. 16, in Yakima.

ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL AID

If you know students planning to apply for fall '08 undergraduate admission, tell them to hurry. March 1 is our application deadline, and we are again experiencing a record number of applications. Also, encourage prospective students to visit us. Visit information is available online at www.whitworth.edu/admissions, or call our admissions office at 509.777.4786 or 800.533.4668. Regardless of the temperature, visitors will feel our warmth!

The Whitworth Financial Aid Office is beginning to review files for new freshmen and transfer students for 2008-09. New students who have filed the FAFSA by the March 1 deadline will begin receiving their financial-aid awards in March. Continuing students who meet the May 1 deadline for submitting the renewal FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) will receive their awards electronically in May and June. Academic scholarships are automatically renewed.

STUDENT LIFE

I've been gone for most of Jan Term, but one of the days I was around, I watched from my window a chaotic game of Ultimate Frisbee in the snow. Many student activities involved snow, like "Which white bump is the chapel?" Skiing, snowboarding, attending Spokane Chiefs hockey and watching Whitworth basketball, swimming and tennis (thanks to those of you who funded the bubble) occupied students' non-study time. Students have also begun this year's *Whitworth Unplugged*, their version of *American Idol*, a show I always unplug. Wednesday movie mania also kept students entertained and fed during this Jan Term.

In this election season, we all find ourselves asking big questions. As part of Heritage Week, Political Science Professor Julia Stronks will moderate an alumni panel discussion Feb. 13 focused on political engagement. Participants include longtime educator and former Washington State Rep. Don Cox, '63; Breean Beggs, '85, who heads Spokane's respected Center for Justice public-interest law firm; Christian Gunter, '98, who has worked for U.S. Sen. Patty Murray, Congressman Rick Larsen, and on hunger issues and responsible property development; and Julie Sund Nichols, '00, who has worked with former U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton, Congresswoman Jennifer Dunn, Washington gubernatorial candidate Dino Rossi, and U.S. Senate candidate Mike McGavick. Our panelists will share the ways in which they have sought to connect the worldview convictions they developed at Whitworth with the political arenas where they have served.

February began with the HUB Super Bowl party. (I hear there's a remote village in South America where everyone's sporting T-shirts that say "Patriots: Super Bowl Champs, 19-0." They got them for free.) Now we're beginning Black History Month activities, featuring such favorites as the Gospel Explosion, Spoken Word Night and the Motown Talent Showcase, as well as a Kuumba workshop. Speakers, special dinners and discussions will also be featured this month.

ASWU president Scott Donnell, '08, reports, "The campus is once again united as the students return from their global January expeditions, and the spring semester is now upon us. Although we can't remember what Whitworth looked like without three feet of snow, students are taking advantage of the Narnian climate for Winter Olympics, ski trips, and sledding off the chapel."

RESOURCES

Galen Sanford, a Whitworth senior who received a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study in Poland this spring, sent me a note that speaks for many of our students: *Bill, I just checked my financial-aid report. I recently won a scholarship to study abroad....* Galen then said that even with this grant, two-thirds of his financial aid is from Whitworth donors. *So thank them profoundly for me, he asked, for making my studies possible.*

Thanks to all of you who provided 2007 year-end gifts. You got us back on track to make our FY08 gift-income budget. Also, there is still time for you to fund and name a residence hall! Thanks for your very generous support.

ATHLETICS

The Whitworth men's swimming team finished unbeaten in Northwest Conference dual meets for the ninth straight year, extending their NWC dual-meet winning streak to 57 in a row with last Saturday's win over UPS. I shot 67 pictures while I yelled. The Pirates head into the 2008 NWC championships looking to win their sixth straight conference title and seventh in the last eight years. Senior David Dolphay is the two-time defending champion of three different events at the NWC championships (200, 500 and 1,650 freestyles). Freshman Michael Woodward goes into the meet with the NWC's best times in three events.

The Pirate women's swim team achieved their first unbeaten dual-meet record in school history (10-0 overall, 7-0 NWC). They have a chance to capture their first Northwest Conference title since 1995. Senior Samantha Kephart has never lost a butterfly race against NWC competition (dual meet or championship meet), and she heads into the championships as a three-time defending champion in both the 100 and 200 butterfly. Sophomore Natalie Turner has the NWC's best time in every freestyle distance between 100 and 1,650 yards.

Whitworth men's basketball completed the first half of the NWC schedule tied for first place in the conference standings at 8-2. The Pirates (18-4 overall) completed their first-ever NWC road sweep in Tacoma. Senior Ryan Symes leads the team in scoring average, while fellow senior Colin Willemsen has seven double-doubles this winter, more than any other player in the NWC.

The Pirate women's basketball team is in the thick of the hunt for the NWC playoffs. Whitworth (11-8 overall, 6-4 NWC) is currently tied for third place, and the top three teams make the conference postseason. Junior Alida Bower and sophomore Natalie Orrell lead the team in scoring.

ALUMNI

Heritage Week 2008 events are scheduled through Feb. 16. The complete schedule is available at www.whitworth.edu/heritageweek.

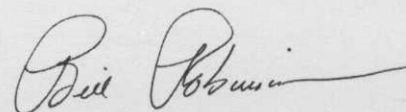
Graduates of the last decade with good e-mail addresses in our system recently received a special invitation to view *The Ten*, our new online newsletter for recent graduates. If you fit this category and didn't get the e-mail (or graduated before 1997 and are just curious), please visit the site at www.whitworth.edu/theten. Also, make sure to update your contact information so that you get the next issue, featuring links to new podcasts, information on career services, and other stories about classmates from your era.

Alums, parents and friends in Portland and Seattle are invited to hear Professor of Psychology Jim Waller present *Deliver Us from Evil: Genocide and the Christian World* on March 15 at 4 p.m. at Portland's Westminster Presbyterian Church or March 16 at 2 p.m. at Seattle's First Presbyterian Church.

Whitworthians in Southern California are invited to hear Associate Professor of Biology Craig Tsuchida present *Christian Evolutionist: An Oxymoron* on March 29 at 7 p.m. at Grandview Presbyterian Church, in Glendale, or March 30 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in San Diego. Registration for all four of these Core 650 events can be found at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

Join Rick Hornor, '70, (Theatre) for his director's commentary and an introduction to the spring production of the Moliere comedy *Tartuffe*, on Saturday, March 8. The dessert begins at 6:45 p.m. and the curtain goes up at 8 p.m. Cost is \$12, and you can register on the alumni and parent website. I think this is an important play for Christians to see. It is hilarious, but it offers a poignant critique of religious hypocrisy and exploitation.

My election-year hope for our students is prompted by an incident that happened when Jesus and his disciples spotted a beggar who was born blind. The disciples asked Jesus who had sinned, the beggar or his parents. Basically, Jesus responded that they were asking the wrong question. His better question was, "Is this an opportunity to bring glory to God?" In this election, I hope our students ask the opportunity question more often than the "Whose fault?" question. In fact, I hope all of us will spend less time finding fault and more time bringing glory to God.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

JANUARY 2008

Happy new year! I hope yours began with people you love. Ours did. Bonnie and I welcomed 2008 standing on a Mexican beach with our family. For many of our students, Jan. 1 served as their final down day before Jan Term carried them to foreign soils. I was reminded in Mexico that the foundation of intercultural understanding is learning what we don't know. International travel dramatizes that point, sometimes painfully. I am kind of a first-generation know-it-all. Drop me into any situation and watch how fast I start to explain it. But I get stupid in a hurry when immersed in the language and actions of other cultures. I am humbled by my ignorance, and that's a great place to begin the learning process. When our son was on the 2002 Central America study program he ran into a little language problem when he tried to tell his Spanish tutor he was sweaty, but told her instead that he was horny. You've got to believe that a) he was humbled, and b) he was a little more inspired to learn his Spanish. None of us can lay claim to a *tabula rasa*. But I hope this Jan Term is one in which humility – forced or chosen – will erase the biases written on our students' social and intellectual tablets. We carry so many assumptions that interfere with new ideas. Humility creates open spaces for learning while stimulating inquisitiveness. It's also godly. As I write this on the morning of Epiphany, I am reminded of what stunning humility the wise men found when they visited their King. May the critical year of 2008 be one in which a spirit of humility prompts humanity to learn rather than fight.

ACADEMICS

The Jan Term docket is full. Course topics include . . .

- reconciliation, with Ron Pyle (Communication Studies), Andi Saccoccio (Theology) and John Yoder (Political Science), in South Africa;
- language and culture, with new faculty member Lindy Scott (Spanish), in Guanajuato, Mexico;
- British culture through the arts, with Debbie Hansen (Music) and Rick Hornor, '70 (Theatre), in London;
- jazz, as the Whitworth Jazz Ensemble travels with Dan Keberle (Music) to Rome and Venice;
- computing, with Susan Mabry (Computer Science), in the technological hotbeds of Ireland and Wales;
- religion, peace and conflict in Northern Ireland, with Jim Waller (Psychology);
- a Core 250 study of western civilization from southern to northern Europe, with Forrest Baird (Philosophy);
- English and business in an interdisciplinary program, with Pamela Parker, '81 (English), and Craig Hinnenkamp (Business), in Thailand;
- geology, with Tom Hillman (Physics), on the big island of Hawaii;
- Christian spirituality, with Jerry Sittser (Theology), at Washington's Tall Timber Retreat Center;
- multicultural teacher education, with School of Education faculty, in a number of places including the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, India, Japan, Taiwan and Thailand;
- French language and culture, with soon-to-retire Carol Smucker (French), in Guadeloupe.

This year is also one in which the acclaimed semester-long Central America study program takes place. Students will study in several countries, led by Karla Morgan (Economics), Kim Hernandez (Spanish), Michael Le Roy, '89 (Academic Affairs), and Jim Hunt (History). At the program's recent 25-year anniversary celebration, it was amazing to hear how many students' lives and careers were put on course by this experience. We even have a wonderful student enrolled right now who was "found" by an alum who went back after commencement to work in Central America.

And speaking of Spanish (not to be confused with speaking in Spanish, which I was attempting a few days ago), Angeles Aller was invited to join a statewide panel on the teaching of foreign languages in public schools, and Dinorah Scott is working on a language-research project in which she is her own subject. Angeles and Dinorah are faculty members in the Whitworth Modern Language Department. Dinorah's topic is language acquisition and the interference/assistance of other languages such as Portuguese and Spanish in learning French. She will present her research next summer at Calvin College.

We just learned of a School of Global Commerce & Management alum whose academic prowess will now result in her speaking Spanish. Sharon Sprott, '07 MIM, presented her final thesis on sustainable mining-company management at this year's Northwest Mining Association's Annual Conference. As a result, she received an offer to join the business-development team for Hecla Mining, headquartered in Vancouver, B.C. Her first assignment will be in Mexico.

Continuing with the language theme, the art exhibit *Sticks and Stones* will run from Jan. 7 to Feb. 1. Meagan Stirling, '02, and Jonathan Chamberlain present a collaborative installation that explores the creation and destruction of language and the effect context has in the interpretation of words.

ENROLLMENT AND FINANCIAL AID

The 2008-09 FAFSA website is now available for students to renew their need-based financial aid. Families can file the electronic pre-filled FAFSA at

www.fafsa.ed.gov. Deadline for students wanting financial aid for 2008-09 is May 1. For students who wish to apply for summer work-study, the deadline is March 1. Students planning to attend summer school should contact the Whitworth Financial Aid Office (509.777.3215/800.533.4668/www.whitworth.edu/financialaid) as soon as possible to discuss their plans. Students who receive only academic scholarships do not need to file the FAFSA.

In late January, we will be mailing Federal Form 1098-T to verify full- and part-time enrollment. This form is used to support eligibility for the Hope or lifetime-learning tax credit. Please consult your tax advisor or go to the IRS website, www.irs.gov, for more information on available educational tax credits. You can also use the Worksheet for Reporting Scholarships/Grants on Federal 2007 Tax Return, found on the financial aid office's Forms webpage at www.whitworth.edu/financialaid/forms, to determine if any of the aid you or your child received in 2007 is taxable.

STUDENT LIFE

The modular rhythm of Jan Term, plus relentless snowfall at nine nearby ski resorts, promises a very enjoyable month to students studying on campus. Sometimes we think today's multi-tasking student functions as a small city's worth of simultaneous activity. While one hand writes, the other hand text-messages, the eyes study a computer screen, and the mouth sings a song that is different than the one the ears monitor on the iPod. But not every student has a server for a brain. Some students just love immersing themselves in a single activity or subject. Students often report Jan Term as an opportunity to go deep. So this is going to be a really good month, especially for the taskers who aren't particularly multi.

If it is more blessed to give than to receive, imagine how blessed it is both to give and to receive. Some of our students are about to find out. Whitworth was chosen as one of five institutions nationwide to participate in a student-run philanthropy program. Administered by the Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund and Campus Compact, the "Students4Giving" program will educate students in the process of grant evaluation and philanthropic funding. The program will provide \$15,000 in donor-advised funds for a student-run philanthropy project aimed at recommending grants to nonprofit organizations serving Spokane's West Central neighborhood. It will be administered through our existing Bonner Leaders Program.

ASWU president Scott Donnell reports, "Christmas was a much-needed break after a tough semester. . . . Now we're back for Jan Term (well, most of us are). If we're not traveling to distant lands to learn about apartheid in Africa or to study Michelangelo's *David*, we are back at Whitworth taking a class – and skiing, or doing Pilates or some other activity course. This is a great time to relax with friends and to focus in on one specific area of study. I'll be a Jan Term monk at Tall Timber, studying Christian spirituality. I'd tell you about it, but media contact is not allowed."

RESOURCES

Thanks to all of you who made a calendar-year-end gift. You are great. I make it a practice of looking at every entry in the gift reports. Some of your names I have seen so often over 15 years that I know where you live, even though we haven't met. I often see the names of young alumni, many of which make me smile. In December's list, the name of my dentist from 30 years ago appeared. When I was a poor grad-school student, he financed my teeth. Different names provoke different thoughts, but I am always filled with gratitude. Whitworth's caring and productive faculty, its high-achieving students and its beautiful campus have given it a reputation as one of the finest schools in the Northwest. But if in the next few years we receive gifts that enable the construction of expanded science and performing-arts facilities, we will secure our place as one of the top faith-based small universities in the country. Your generosity has made us believe that our dreams are possible. Thank you!

We received an extraordinarily generous gift of \$150,000 from the Funding Initiative for Spiritual Health Foundation. The person who funds this foundation has a remarkable commitment to serve God with her resources. She has formed a triumvirate of women to evaluate projects and administer grants. The woman who runs the foundation is a very gifted Presbyterian minister whom Bonnie and I have long admired. The Whitworth grant will be used to help support Act Six scholars, activities of the Whitworth Center for Service-Learning, and the East Africa initiative. We are so grateful!

Our oldest friend and donor, Louis Livingston, recently passed away – at age 107! Lou established his first planned gift with The Whitworth Foundation in 1979. His generous spirit and never-ending sense of humor blessed us all, and his legacy will have a significant impact on building the library endowment. Lou was legendary in the Spokane community and is a wonderful role model for a life well lived. Imagine: Lou could have fought in World War I.

Thanks in part to the extension of the Pension Protection Act, we had three donors establish new endowments that will use their IRA funds. Two of these endowments (one at \$25,000 and one at \$100,000) were established to support science research; the third (\$50,000) is for scholarships for international students or theology majors.

ATHLETICS

The women's basketball team completed its non-conference schedule with a 5-4 record. Sophomore Natalie Orrell is the Pirates' leading scorer, averaging 13.6 points per game. Junior Tiffany Corigliano is the leading rebounder, and last year's leading scorer, Alida Bower, is coming off an injury to provide offense and leadership. The Bucs finished out 2007 with a split in Montana, falling at Montana Tech before winning at Great Falls.

In men's basketball, Whitworth is 6-2 heading into the 2008 Northwest Conference schedule. The Pirates went to Staten Island, N.Y., at the end of December and defeated Richard Stockton College (N.J.) before falling to Bridgewater State (Mass.) in the championship of the CSI Tournament of Heroes. Freshman David Riley averages 15.5 points per game, and senior Ryan Symes contributes 15.3 ppg.

The swim teams are training in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and will soon compete in a meet hosted by California Lutheran University. During the trip, the team averages between 12,000 and 16,000 exhausting yards per day. Coach Steve Schadt, '96, uses this trip to build a muscular and cardiovascular foundation for the pre-conference tapering period when his swimmers rebuild their strength. My college athletics career was built on the philosophy of "If tapering is ever good, it's always good." I pretty much tapered my way to the end of the bench, but when I got into the game my superior resting paid off.

Last month I reported that Sean Bushéy was selected as the NWC Coach of the Year for both men's and women's soccer. (It's rare that anyone receives COTY recognition for both men's and women's teams.) We just learned that he has also

been named the 2007 West Region Women's Soccer Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Congratulations, Sean!

ALUMNI

Alumni can enjoy free home Pirate basketball from Jan. 11 to Feb. 2. On Jan. 26, we will hold our annual Alumni Night at the Fieldhouse (free admission, snacks, and door prizes); the Bucs will take on George Fox University at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Other home games (Jan. 11, 12 and 27, and Feb. 1 and 2) are also free to alumni and their families. Start times and matchups are available at www.whitworth.edu/athletics.

MISCELLANEOUS

February 5-16 is Heritage "Week," which features our annual celebration of Founder's Day during Spring Convocation. That's a long week. There are too many events to list here, but the complete schedule is available at www.whitworth.edu/heritageweek. One highlight will be the awarding of honorary degrees to Bob Mitchell (former president of Young Life and former vice president of World Vision) and Darrell Guder (former Whitworth academic dean and current dean of Princeton Theological Seminary). Both are great churchmen and gifted speakers who will present public talks during their time on campus. They are also great friends of Whitworth and personal friends to so many of us.

Without question, 2008 will go down as a pivotal year in the world, in our nation and our region, and at Whitworth. The international activities and image of the United States will turn on the presidential elections. College campuses will whirl with opinions. Political science students will find themselves in a national laboratory. Student campaign workers will make "doorbell" a verb. Uncertainty about the economy, oil and the dollar will contribute to the stock market's volatility, at just about the time the first wave of baby boomers hits the retirement beach. It could be wild. On the Whitworth front, this year we will make big decisions about our next strategic plan. What path should we take to strengthen and advance our mission? How aggressive should we be? It's all kind of crazy, and we could sure use a clear word from God. Yesterday I walked across the street to attend the funeral of dear Betty Stratton, '49, saint Betty Stratton, strong Betty Stratton. I learned that in her final days, Psalm 25 grew in her heart: *Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long. Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are of old.* That's our prayer. God's grace and the company of friends who stand with us will provide our best and only hope for enabling Whitworth to reach new heights in serving our students and renewing our world. We treasure all of you who participate in this mission. May Christ's peace and blessings be yours in this new year.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

MARCH 2008

March is the best. What other month features Lent, March madness and Spring Break? I rest my case. We need these March rituals. Last week, Bonnie and I hosted our residence-hall directors for a pesto party. With great wisdom and care, our RDs lead our student leaders. But for the RDs, March madness doesn't really conjure up thoughts of basketball. Dorm life gets a little wacky at this point in the year. I suspect our students will do some emotional stretching in March. They think keeping an even keel is overrated. In this past week I have seen students crippled with sadness for a grieving classmate, and I have seen other students absolutely roaring with delight. They need to do both. We all do, and March is a good time to do it. During Lent, we anguish with Christ as he journeys to the cross. And we agonize at our part in sending him there. And then we howl with joy at whatever our brand of March madness might be. For me, life just feels a little more worth living knowing I will soon be able to watch 16 straight hours of NCAA basketball – or at least that I could if it weren't for my wife and my job. I hope this great month brings you to your knees and to your feet. Thanks for all the ways you come to your feet for Whitworth.

ACADEMICS

We've added hands and feet to the mind and heart of a Whitworth education. This spring, 39 courses across 14 departments are engaged in service-learning. Here are three examples from Jan Term:

- Identity, Race and Power (Arlin Migliazzo): Students spent one class period each week in an organization that serves Spokane residents of non-white and non-European ethnic backgrounds.
- Psychology of Love (Patricia Bruininks): Research shows it is easier to love those who are near us and like us. In this class, students built relationships with people with whom they would not normally cross paths.
- African Life and Culture (Amowi Phillips): Students visited World Relief to interview three African employees, from Liberia, Burundi and Eritrea. Students heard their incredible stories, their perspectives on African and American culture, their thoughts on how Africa is portrayed in the media, and what they miss most and least about their homeland.

Gordon and Sue Jackson (Communication Studies/Off-Campus Programs) were honored last month by the Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery with the Traditional Child Care Volunteer Award. They deserve the award. They give of themselves at work, and then they give more after work.

Whitworth jazz students did it again! They joined schools from across the nation at the 2008 Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival and were named Outstanding College Jazz Band (for the sixth time since 1996). Nathanael Ankeny, '08, was named Outstanding Alto Saxophone, and Jared Hall, '08, received Outstanding Trumpet Soloist honors.

The Whitworth Symphony Orchestra presents a concert March 9 featuring winners of the second annual Whitworth Concerto Competition, which the music department hosts each fall to showcase talented students. This year's competition winners are pianist Rachel Cutler, '10, violinist Michael Korpi, '09, and composer Shawn Tolley, '08.

We've discovered an interesting ranking. The Institute of International Education just reported that in 2005-06 Whitworth ranked 11th among the top 40 master's-level institutions for undergraduate study abroad, with 52.5 percent participation. We have a globally aware faculty and a great off-campus study office that make this happen.

Several political-science students attended Senator Hillary Clinton's campaign stop in Spokane. They talked with her and she signed their copy of the Constitution. Professor Julia Stronks said, "This establishes us as poli-sci nerds, but in a good way." Deep down, I don't think Julia feels there are any bad ways to be a poli-sci nerd.

My notes say Frank Caccavo (Biology) and his dog-sled team won four of the six races they entered this season across the Northwest. Frank has a dog-sled team? When did he get one of those? Way to go, Frank.

Here's word on new faculty grants.

- Rich Schatz (School of Global Commerce & Management) received a grant from the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Mini-Grant Program on Free Market Economics: Scholarship, Teaching and Practice. The grant will fund a research project, the subjects of which are Rich's students when he was in the Peace Corps years ago.
- Deanna Ojennus and Drew Budner (Chemistry) received a Pittsburgh Conference grant toward the purchase of a high-performance liquid chromatograph. This new instrument will provide our students with training in one of the most widespread techniques used in research and industry today.

School of Education faculty members have been busy lately.

- Dennis Sterner presented "Private Colleges Take on the NCATE Standards: Creating a Culture of Evidence" at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education meeting.
- Betty Williams presented "Biomedical Research Routes Concerning the Causes of Autism" at Atlanta's Behavior Analysis Autism Conference. She co-authored

the paper with Associate Professor Emeritus (Chemistry) Don Calbreath.

•Lisa Laurier received the AILACTE Scholar Award, given by the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education. This \$2,500 award is given to promote research among junior faculty.

•Sharon Mowry led an effort that resulted in the approval of our principals program by the Professional Educator Standards Board. The board approved the consortium for administrator professional certification that includes Whitworth, EWU, Gonzaga, WSU and ESD 101.

Lindy Scott, who joined Whitworth's Spanish faculty this year from Wheaton, and who specializes in Latin American history, will present the second lecture of this year's Great Decisions Series. His lecture, "Why Latin America Is Shifting to the Left," takes place March 13 at 7:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Hall. Lindy is co-editor of the book *Terrorism and the War in Iraq* (2004) and is editor of the recently published book *Christians, the Care of Creation, and Global Climate Change*. He also edits the *Journal of Latin American Theology* and is the U.S.A. coordinator for the Latin American Theological Fellowship. It is great having Lindy in the Whitworth community.

ENROLLMENT

We had a very good year for freshman applications. As of our March 1 deadline, we have received 5,450 freshman applications for fall 2008. This is 5.7 percent more than last year and represents a record high. Most admission decisions have been made and communicated. Financial-aid awards for admitted freshmen are in process, with many already in the mail. Students interested in transferring to Whitworth have until June 1 to submit their applications.

STUDENT LIFE

March is jammed. This week, students are shedding their vices in ASWU's Week of Seven: From Vice to Virtue. Each day focuses on a vice to avoid and offers programs that replace the vice with a virtue. The Whitworth Unplugged talent contests continue this month, with the two winners of each of the six contests going to the finals to determine who will be Whitworth's Pirate Idol. Movie Mania begins this month with a free feature film and snacks in the HUB, and magician Derek Hughes will wow students on the 12th. Student life and our cultural-events coordinator are putting on an evening called Courageous Conversations Create Caring Communities. This program lets students discuss anything they like and ask any questions they might have in a safe and caring context. Finally, the month will end with Spring Break and outdoor rec's "Whoo Ha, Utah!" trip, which will include rock-climbing, rafting, four-wheeling and mountain-biking.

The Africa-Time Lunch featured the culinary skills of Emmanuel Anukun-Dabson, Jarvis T. Lunalo, Eric M. Gitangu, Paulo Dichone, Elorm Atisu, Willy Rotich and Anderia Lual. They cooked fufu and chicken curry. Their stories of life at Whitworth and in the U.S. provided fellow students an opportunity to learn and eat well at the same time.

ASWU President Scott Donnell reports, "Classes are getting into full swing, intramurals are kicking in, and I threw my first Frisbee of the year today in The Loop. This is a time of decisions: Where should I work this summer, who should I live with next year, and how many loans can I take out before my parents cut the rope? Oh well, life is beautiful, and Spring Break is just around the corner."

ATHLETICS

Whitworth's swim teams made it a sweep at the 2008 Northwest Conference Swimming Championships. The Pirate women ended UPS's historic 11-year run as NWC champions, outdistancing the Loggers by more than 100 points. Sophomore Natalie Turner repeated as the NWC's Outstanding Women's Swimmer, sweeping the 200, 500 and 1,650 freestyles. Senior Samantha Kephart earned career sweeps of the 100- and 200-yard butterfly events. The Whitworth men earned their sixth straight NWC title and their seventh in the last eight years. Senior David Dolphay won the 500 and 1,650 freestyles for the third straight year, while freshman Michael Woodward won the 200 I.M. Steve Schadt was named NWC Women's Coach of the Year for the second year in a row.

The Pirate men's basketball team won its second straight NWC title, earning home-court advantage for the conference tournament. The Bucs beat UPS in the championship game 96-69, gaining an automatic berth in the NCAA Div. III tournament. To our delight, Whitworth was granted a first-round bye and asked to host the winner of the Occidental vs. Pomona-Pitzer first-round game. In conference honors, Jim Hayford is the NWC Coach of the Year for the second straight season; senior Ryan Symes was named by the conference coaches as NWC Player of the Year; and senior Colin Willemsen was chosen First Team All-NWC. Junior point guard Ross Nakamura earned honorable mention. This has been an amazing year for a team that returned only one starter!

The Whitworth women's basketball team finished the season 13-12 overall and 8-8 (tied for fourth place) in the NWC. Junior forward Alida Bower was named First Team All-Northwest Conference, and sophomore Natalie Turner received honorable mention.

The track-and-field teams have had a strong indoor season. Sophomores Cody Stelzer (high jump) and Emmanuel Bofa (800) have qualified to compete at the 2008 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships, March 14-15.

Tennis is off to its best start in many seasons. The women are 4-2 overall and 4-1 in the NWC. Rachel Burns and Lexy Harrington have joined Linh Aven to form a powerful top three for the Bucs. The men are 6-3 overall and 6-1 in the NWC behind the play of newcomers Brian Elliot and Josh Steele, along with veterans Ed Anegon and Scott Donnell.

Baseball and softball were scheduled to open NWC play at home March 1, but 10 inches of snow on Merkel Field and Marks Field caused those opening games to be moved to different sites.

The golf teams open their spring season March 17 at the LCSC Invitational.

Overall, Whitworth continues to have an outstanding 2007-08 season. Of the 10 championships awarded by the NWC so far this academic year, Whitworth has won five.

ALUMNI

Alumni, parents and friends in Portland and Seattle are invited to hear Professor of Psychology Jim Waller present *Deliver Us from Evil: Genocide and the Christian World* on March 15 at 4 p.m. at Portland's Westminster Presbyterian Church or on March 16 at 2 p.m. at Seattle's First Presbyterian Church.

Whitworthians in Southern California can hear Associate Professor of Biology Craig Tsuchida present *Christian Evolutionist: An Oxymoron?* on March 29 at 7 p.m. at Grandview Presbyterian Church, in Glendale, or March 30 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, San Diego. Registration for the Waller and Tsuchida events can be found at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

Our parent-relations staff is launching an e-newsletter, *The Loop*. It will debut just before Spring Break and will contain timely information, interviews,

stories, and resource recommendations from student-life, career-services and parent-relations staff. We will e-mail the link to all current parents who have viable e-mail addresses in our database. If you'd like to make sure we have your e-mail address, please send it to parents@whitworth.edu or complete the new parent update form at www.whitworth.edu/parents. The newsletter will also be accessible via the parents website.

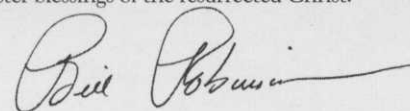
MISCELLANEOUS

Many of our guest lectures and other events are being recorded and are available for listening or download on our website at www.whitworth.edu/podcast. Check them out.

I hope you can make it to our 33rd annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry July 7-11. We're pleased to welcome back WIM veterans Craig Barnes and Steve Hayner. Craig, one of the finest preachers in America, serves Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as professor of leadership and ministry and is senior pastor at Shadyside Presbyterian Church. Steve is associate professor of evangelism and campus ministry at Columbia Theological Seminary, a post he has held since leaving the presidency of Intervarsity Fellowship. You don't want to miss this WIM.

We're all horrified and saddened by the shooting events on campuses across the country. We have a number of efforts in place and under way to increase our safety, and we'd like students and their parents to register cell-phone numbers and other numbers on the university's *Jyngle* site. It's easy to do: Just go to www.whitworth.edu/emergency for instructions. We'll test this system in the coming weeks, and we'd like to have as many people registered as possible. We don't want to have to use the system, but we want to make sure it works if we need it. So we'll test it periodically. Thanks for helping us keep our campus safe!

In the middle of writing this newsletter, I went to the HUB for a meeting with our student leaders and then grabbed a bite of lunch. I sat down with six freshmen who live in B.J. It was definitely the madness part of March. One of the guys had a little problem with his beef wrap. His mouth became an active volcano. Another guy's name is B.J. Think about that. Three days after you get to college, you're at Mock Rock with a building full of people screaming about how B.J. rocks. "Yeah, I do." "Oh, wrong B.J." He said it was crazy meeting students in his hall. "What's your name?" "B.J." "No, that's where we live. What's your name?" I thought maybe I could stabilize B.J.'s self-esteem by explaining we had named the dorm in hopes that one day he would live there. He wasn't buying, but he appreciated the lie. After leaving the B.J. table, I sat down with our dear friend Taizo Fujiki, who is here, for the sixth time, with his Seiwa College women's football team, the Capricious Angels. And that began more March madness. Pretty fun. Again, I hope you have a great March, and that you enjoy all the Easter blessings of the resurrected Christ.



of Mind & heart

AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

MAY 2008

I always wait until after graduation to write the last *Mind & Heart* of the academic year. Campus life gets intense during the final days of school. It's so great. Last week's highlights included . . .

- the arrival of spring at 8:15 a.m. on May 14.
- the arrival of summer at noon on May 14. By 2 p.m. it looked like a campus fire drill – everyone was outside in shorts. Temperatures shot into the 90s over Commencement Weekend.
- an immensely moving senior-commissioning service. As part of a “sending” liturgy, Heather Rogers (Economics & Business) and Ashley Metcalf, '08, along with Vic Bobb (English) and Beth Carlson, '08, gave a glimpse of the rich relationships that emerge between students and their professors. The seniors were sent forth with communion and anointing. The world is about to get better.
- Senior Reflections, on Saturday night, which showcased some of the talents, ideas, recollections and snapshots of this amazing graduating class. Another indication of the Class of '08's quality was the awarding of seven President's Cups to graduates with 4.0 cumulative GPAs.
- superb addresses by 2008 Most Influential Male Professor Adam Neder (Theology & Philosophy) at baccalaureate and by Most Influential Female Professor Julia Stronks (Political Science) at undergraduate commencement. Also, Katie Skattebo and Cole Casey proved excellent choices as class speakers, as did Andrea Lloyd, Lynne Bolton and Nicholas Kolentse at the graduate ceremony.
- my great privilege of handing diplomas (well, faux diplomas – the real ones are mailed) to 102 master's-degree graduates and 559 bachelor's-degree graduates.

Academically, athletically and relationally, this class proved to be one of the best ever. With grace-filled hearts and deep commitment to truth, they will enrich lives around the globe. May the strength and peace of Christ go with them.

ACADEMICS

Our journalism faculty is pleased to report that *The Whitworthian* won several awards from the Society of Professional Journalists Region 10 (Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Alaska). We took third in best all-around non-daily student newspaper; first in feature photography, for *Urban Plunge*, by Thomas Robinson; and first in sports photography, for *Blocked*, by Nate Chute.

The senior art exhibit, *Hard NOX*, concluded May 17. The exhibit marked the final show in the Whitworth Fine Arts Building. In September, the art department will move into the new 20,000-square-foot Lied Center for the Visual Arts, which will house six studios and two galleries. *Hard NOX* featured works by Megan Baker, Maddison Colvin, Betty Gardner, Kara Hyatt, Amy Newton, Stefan Robinson, Cassie Swayze, Kaitlin Trott and Thayer Wild, all '08.

I ran into a smiling Tim Coughlin, '08, outside the chapel last week. He had reason to smile, having just won the \$10,000 first prize in the student category of the Hogan Business Competition. Whitworth had four teams in his category and two in social enterprise, and our students performed very well. Also, a Whitworth team has advanced to the “Sweet Sixteen” round of the University of Washington's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition. Project Krochet Kids International was among 16 teams selected from 34 competitors to advance to the third round. Finalists and winners of the UW competition will be announced this week.

Pamela Corpron Parker, '81, (English) was recently selected to receive the inaugural Contributions to the Study of British Women Writers Award, presented by the 18th- and 19th-Century British Women Writers Association. Parker is currently president of the BWWA.

The music department was even busier than usual at year's end. The Whitworth Wind Symphony presented a concert featuring Staff Sgt. David Parks, '02, saxophonist, who was recently appointed to the U.S. Army Field Band, one of the armed services' premier touring ensembles. The Whitworth Women's Choir performed at St. Augustine Church, offering songs from Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, a 20th-century choral masterwork. The Whitworth Symphony Orchestra closed out the year with a concert at Spokane's Bing Crosby Theatre that featured music from TV and films such as *Psycho* and *The Terminal*. And the Whitworth Choir presented a concert at Spokane's St. John's Cathedral, featuring the work of J.S. Bach, Robert Schumann and others, that packed the house and elicited calls of “Encore!” The concert blessed us deeply.

ENROLLMENT

I know Whitworth seems wicked expensive. I wish it weren't. It has gotten very costly to provide high-quality education. But in relative terms, we look pretty good. Whitworth is No. 30 in Kiplinger's 2008 rankings of the 50 best private university values – a list that includes California Institute of Technology (No. 1), Yale (No. 2), Princeton (No. 3), Stanford (No. 13), University of Chicago (No. 31), USC (No. 36), and Santa Clara (No. 37). Whitworth was the top-ranked school in the Northwest. The complete rankings, which are based on academic quality and affordability, are available online at www.kiplinger.com/tools/privatecolleges.

STUDENT LIFE

We were delighted to receive word that senior Katie Skattebo put Whitworth in the spotlight by winning this year's Church-College Partnership Award,

given annually to a Presbyterian student by *Presbyterian Outlook* magazine. Katie competed with students from across the country who submitted essays about how their Presbyterian university education prepared them for service and leadership.

The very deserving Andrea Naccarato received Whitworth's Servant Leadership Award, given each year to a member of the graduating class. There's not enough room here to begin to list all of the ways in which Andrea has given her time and energy to others. She and Katie represent hundreds of students who have added hands and feet to the mind-and-heart education they received.

This year's Hawaiian Luau was one of the best ever. With a late spring, it was great to have the students' parents haul a couple of tons of Hawaiian foliage (along with incredible food that I simply attacked) to campus. April was also Sustainability Month, and students worked hard at recycling. I'm pretty sure none of the guys in BJ changed their clothes, giving “green” a new meaning. Our incredible Whitworth magician, sophomore David Kuraya, won this year's Pirate Idol competition with several mind-boggling card skills. Relay for Life was a huge event, with Whitworth students and friends raising more than \$18,000 for cancer research. Springfest featured the annual Mr. Whitworth contest and deep-fried everything, with all proceeds going to Second Harvest Food Bank. Finally, congratulations to newly elected 2008-09 ASWU officers Obe Quarless, president; Kalen Eshoff, V.P.; and Kendra Hamilton, financial V.P.

RESOURCES

Thanks to you, and kudos to our students! The Whitworth Fund Phonathon completed a record year with nearly \$242,000 in pledges and gifts. We are so grateful to alumni, parents and friends who supported Whitworth so generously and spent time talking to our students. If you made a pledge to The Whitworth Fund, you still have until June 30 to turn it into a gift. You can pay your pledge online at www.whitworth.edu/give or send a check to the Whitworth Office of Annual Giving.

Gift annuity rates are going down on July 1. If you're considering an annuity (an irrevocable gift that will return cash to you for as long as you live), please contact us soon to get the higher interest rates. It's a great way to help future students while generating fixed income. For more information, call Joe Dinnison at 509.777.4363 or visit the foundation website at www.whitworth.edu/foundation.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth brought home the Northwest Conference McIlroy-Lewis All-Sports trophy, which recognizes the best all-around athletics program in the conference. In the summer issue, I'll write more about this impressive accomplishment and how the Bucs earned the trophy.

Men's track won the 2008 Northwest Conference championship. Senior Ben Spaun, who is headed to Harvard to pursue a Ph.D. in physics, was named NWC Men's Athlete of the Meet after winning the 110 high hurdles and the 400 intermediate hurdles. He also led off Whitworth's winning 4x400 relay and finished second in the NWC decathlon. Cody Stelzer broke the meet record in the high jump, Jeff Kinter won both the shot put and discus, and Joey VanHoomissen won the javelin. Brandon Howell and Emmanuel Bofa finished first and second in the 800 run, and Toby Schwarz was named NWC Men's Coach of the Year for the third time in his career.

The Pirate women took third place at the NWC championships. Kristen Dormaier scored in six different events, finishing second in the long jump and

third in both the triple jump and the heptathlon. Elizabeth Mattila took second place in the 400 hurdles, an event in which she has an NCAA provisional qualifying time.

Men's and women's golf finished in second place at their respective NWC tournaments and wrapped up the season at second overall in the conference. Sophomore Kristal Pitkonen earned All-NWC honors while leading the Pirate women to their highest-ever finish in the conference. Senior Jordan Carter earned all-conference honors for the second time in his career and led the men back from fourth place after the first day of competition at the NWC tournament.

The Whitworth women's tennis team finished second in their Northwest Conference tournament, falling to seven-time champion Linfield 5-4 in the championship match. Rachel Burns, Lexy Harrington and Katie Staudinger earned All-NWC honors in the women's best season since 2003. And Rachel and Katie beat up on my buddy and me after we stole a couple sets from them earlier in the year. So much for their financial aid.

Men's tennis took fifth at their NWC tournament. The men finished the season with a 14-11 record, and Josh Steele was named second team All-NWC. The guys had some great early-season matches.

Whitworth softball pulled off a split at Pacific to finish 13-12 in the NWC and 16-21 overall. Joe Abraham has been named to coach the softball team. He takes over for Fuzzy Buckenberger, who announced his retirement last fall and finished his three-year coaching stint with a 72-41 record. Five Pirate seniors concluded their careers at Whitworth, including Halley Cey, who batted .407 this spring.

In baseball, the Pirates finished with a record of 13-27 overall and 12-20 in the NWC. Senior Jon Whiteside anchored the infield at shortstop, while senior Chad Flett was the top pitcher. Baseball coach Keith Ward, '81, who faithfully served the program for 11 seasons as head coach, resigned at the end of the season. Dan Ramsay has been named to succeed Keith.

ALUMNI

Commencement Weekend was also reunion weekend for the graduates of 1958 and earlier. It was one of the largest 50-year reunions we've had, with 30 class members returning to campus. Everyone had a great time, beginning with an ice-cream social Friday evening and culminating in the class being recognized at our commencement ceremony, with 1958 alums Marilyn and Duane Van Der Werff leading the processional of 2008 graduates.

The Class of 1958 Endowed Scholarship is off to a great start. If you are a member of the Class of 1958 who would like to help your class reach the \$50,000 goal, please contact Holly Norton at 509.777.4362 or at hnorton@whitworth.edu.

As its gift to Whitworth, the Class of '08 voted to build a veterans' memorial in recognition of Whitworth alumni who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Much of the money is in the bank, and participation from members of the Class of '08 and their families is needed to secure the last several thousand dollars. To view the proposed design, visit www.whitworth.edu/students/seniorclass.

Whitworth is working to build alumni participation, that most important indicator of graduates' satisfaction with their alma mater. Any alumni gift counts as participation; married alum couples' gifts count twice. You can make a Whitworth Fund gift online at www.whitworth.edu/give, or call 800.532.4668. We'd love to count you among our partners this year.

MISCELLANEOUS

Whitworth got some great press in the May 2 issue of the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, which is by far the most widely read periodical among college and university professors and administrators. The paper did an article about Whitworth's approach to hiring Christian faculty and staff members; editors found it interesting that we require our faculty members to write a faith statement rather than sign a doctrinal statement that we write. To view the article, go to www.chronicle.com/free/v54/i34/34a00104.htm. Coincidentally, Whitworth's Walter Hutchens (Economics & Business) was quoted in that same issue in another front-page article about American college programs that are struggling in China.

We hope you can join us July 7-11 for the 33rd annual Whitworth Institute of Ministry. We're pleased to welcome back two WIM veterans, Craig Barnes and Steve Hayner. I spent some time with Craig a couple days ago, and I'm really excited about this program. It's going to be a superb year at WIM. Check online for all the details: www.whitworth.edu/wim.

This has been a hard newsletter for me to write. I know I speak for our entire community in saying that we would trade all the above-reported joy to have back our dear freshman Dan Burtneess. Dan died May 5, when he and four other students were involved in an auto accident en route to help a student's grandmother in Montana. As we gathered to cry and laugh over Dan's memory, many of us wondered if Whitworth ever had a student who enriched and enlivened more lives in such a short period of time. After an amazing memorial service, about 40 of Dan's friends gathered in our living room to tell Dan-stories to his remarkable parents and two younger siblings. Even his family was taken by the depth and breadth of Dan's joyful presence in so many lives. ASWU President Scott Donnell wrote, "We grieve the loss of one of our dearest freshmen, Dan Burtneess. Dan loved everyone around him, but he loved Jesus more. He is an inspiration to all of us about what it means to follow Christ and serve humanity." In an act of immense grace, Dan's family came to campus before returning to Denver after his death. They ministered to us all, especially to the guys who were in the car with Dan. And our community ministered to them, too. Somewhere Dan's heart now gives life to one of the recipients of this strong young man's organs. And this wasn't the first time Dan had given his heart to someone. He gave it to Christ and he gave it to us. Thanks be to God – for Dan, and for a good year.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

NOVEMBER 2008

I was a little nervous going into the Parents' Weekend worship service. My printer had been playing hard-to-get with my sermon, so I was racing to get to Cowles Auditorium on time. And I was edgy about the mood I would find when I did get there. October's economic violence sent blistering losses in all directions. College isn't cheap. Our families have to be feeling deep stress. But as I hurried in the side door, what I found bore no signs of anxiety. Families, reunited for a weekend, worshipped with the steadfast certainty that what they *didn't* lose is worth so much more than whatever they did lose. When I stood up to speak, I said that. Everyone clapped. That never happens, except when I stop talking. I think there's a message in that. They say a recession purges an economy. Weak businesses don't survive. I wonder if it could be said that a recession also purges our values. When we feel the squeeze, weak values get weaker and strong values get stronger. We realize that we can do without stuff. And we become more aware than ever that we can't do without relationships. These economic threats are hard and they are scary. I don't mean to suggest that they aren't. But we need to see them in perspective. I pray that all of you will be okay, and that you will feel God's peace, especially if your pain is relational. For Whitworth, I think the deepest economic challenges are yet to come. I've been able to have quite a few meals and conversations with students this week. Their classroom reports are very positive, and they seem especially involved in campus activities. Students are doing well, but they are perplexed by the economy's threat to their families and to their own futures. It is a time when our faith in God's goodness and God's providence sustains us. Thanks for all you do to keep Whitworth strong. It feels especially generous in these trying days.

ACADEMICS

Faculty members stay active in presenting their research with disciplinary colleagues around the country and around the globe. Here are a few examples of recent presentations:

- Katie Creyts (Art) is exhibiting six solo works at the Arlington Arts Center Fall Solo Exhibition, in Virginia.
- Janet Hauck (Library) presented "What Do You Want? What Do You Need? The Northwest Digital Archives Moves toward Digitalization" to the Society of American Archivists, in San Francisco. Kudos to Janet for achieving certification by the Academy of Certified Archivists.
- Karin Heller (Theology) presented "Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Theology in Today's World" to the International Bonhoeffer Conference, in Prague, Czech Republic.
- Brooke Kiener (Theatre), '99, spoke on "Practicing Hospitality in Community-Based Theatre" to the Association of Theatre in Higher Education Conference, in Denver.
- Lindy Scott (Spanish) presented "Conversations about Religion: The Importance of Relational Frames and Relational Context" to the Latin American Theological Fellowship, in La Paz, Bolivia.

This month our Speakers & Artists Series features five events. On Nov. 12 we will host a forum at which four Christian denominational representatives will describe and present the differences and similarities of their denominations. On Nov. 19, the play *The Gospel of John* will be performed by Leonardo Defilippis. Musical performances include the jazz ensemble concert on Nov. 8, the wind symphony concert Nov. 16, and the concert band concert Nov. 18. (Visit www.whitworth.edu/speakers&artists for a complete list of fall speakers and events.)

On Nov. 7, former vice-presidential candidate and U.S. Congressman Jack Kemp will be lecturing in Julia Stronks' American National Politics class. How great will it be for our students to hear a post-election analysis from Jack Kemp! The only bad part of the deal is that one of the students in this class will walk in on crutches. In the second Whitworth football game of this season, Whitworth's two-year starting quarterback, senior Kory Kemp, broke his leg. I'm sure that former AFL MVP quarterback Jack Kemp would rather watch Kory play the last game of his senior year than have Kory watch him standing in front of a classroom. A couple days ago I watched our game against PLU with Kory's parents, Stacey and Jeff Kemp (Jeff played 11 seasons in the NFL). It's hard to tell who anguishes most in these situations – the parent or the injured child. Maybe it's the grandparent. But the main thing is that Kory is a great young man, and I'm sure that makes all of his relatives feel proud.

In early October we enjoyed one of the best lectures we've ever heard when David Oliver Relin, co-author of the international bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*, challenged the freshman class to consider a vocation that gives "voice to the voiceless." Relin's stories about life in the remote mountains of Pakistan challenged and inspired the audience of more than 1,000 people.

The first M.A. in theology cohort of 20 students is well into its third course, Karin Heller's Christian Spirituality class. The focus on contemporary applications of classical theology and spirituality has generated great enthusiasm. We are already receiving applications for next year.

The world is our classroom, not only as learners, but as teachers, too. Here are a few recent School of Education graduates who are teaching around the globe:

- Bekah List, '08, is in Mexico. She teaches English to third-graders by day and to college-age future teachers by night.
- Amy Matti, '06, is in Panama this term and was in Japan last term.

- Laurel Tanza, '06, is in the Dominican Republic. Laurel is developing strategies with the Peace Corps for teaching children with special needs.
- Emily Wold, '07, teaches middle school in Thailand.

Last week the Whitworth Art Department kicked off a photography exhibit, "New/Like New: Current Works by Ross Sawyers." The exhibit runs through Dec. 5, in the Bryan Oliver Gallery of the new Ernst F. Lied Center for the Visual Arts. This exhibit honors Floyd Daniel, who passed away recently. Floyd was such a good man. He donated more than 1,400 volumes of photography books and periodicals to the university's Harriet Cheney Cowles Memorial Library. A career photographer and cinematographer for the Boeing Company, he also freelanced for many Christian mission organizations. He and his wife, Shirley, also established the Daniel Fund, which sponsors photography exhibits at Whitworth and brings professional photographers to speak to photography classes and to hold public lectures and workshops on campus. Ross Sawyers' work is influenced by high-density housing developments. The combination of living in increasingly smaller spaces and in closer proximity to others creates tension that Sawyers explores through exaggerating the architecture of the buildings and structures that compose these residential environments.

Award-winning author Tony Earley is Whitworth's Endowed English Reader for 2008. He will read from his works this Friday in Weyerhaeuser Hall. Earley is the Samuel Milton Fleming Chair in English at Vanderbilt University and the author of two novels, *The Blue Star* and *Jim the Boy*, as well as well-received collections of short stories and personal essays. *The New York Times* lauded Earley's *The Blue Star* as a "display of his own characteristic magic, which is a sure antidote to heavy-handedness," and called *Jim the Boy* "radiant, knowing, pitch-perfect;...a swift, lovely book."

ENROLLMENT

The end-of-October application count is just about where it was last year. More than 3,000 applications have been submitted, although not all of the files are complete. Please encourage any students you know who might be interested in attending Whitworth to get their applications in soon.

Many generous donors have set up Whitworth scholarships that can be awarded only to returning students. Applications for these 2009-10 scholarships become available on the Whitworth financial-aid webpage (www.whitworth.edu/financialaid/) after Nov. 10. The application deadline is midnight on Jan. 31, 2009.

RESOURCES

The November issue of *Mind & Heart* is the one to which we always add an envelope for your year-end Whitworth Fund gift. If you're a regular reader, you know I don't usually ask for money in this newsletter. And wouldn't you know that this year's "envelope month" comes on the heels of a brutal economic downturn? We considered blowing off the envelope this year, but we have been so encouraged by the unwavering support of our alumni, parents, churches and other members of the larger Whitworth community that we kept it in. You have supported Whitworth faithfully in this rough season. You have provided funds for our students who need them more than ever. So we're going to believe that we can reach our Whitworth Fund budget of \$1.45 million. If the current crunch keeps you from giving, we totally understand. And if you can give, please know that every gift makes a big impact on The Whitworth Fund, regardless of the amount. Thank you.

Under the category of silver linings, the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 allows individuals ages 70½ and older to donate up to \$100,000 from their Individual Retirement Accounts to public charities (like Whitworth) without having to count the distributions as taxable income. If you want to know more, please contact The Whitworth Foundation by phone at 509.777.4363 or 800.532.4668, or visit www.whitworth.edu/ira.

STUDENT LIFE

October began with Homecoming Weekend and was followed by hundreds of moms and dads visiting for Parents' Weekend. Parents and families became Whitworthians for the weekend as they attended faculty presentations, watched the Pirate soccer and football teams win on a beautiful fall afternoon, and attended the theatre production, *The Cradle Will Rock*. It was great to see so many of you.

Last year I reported how student trick-or-treaters blew through our candy so fast that we ended up passing out vitamins, teabags, leftovers and whatever else we could find. Well, the vitamins were such a hit that we decided to give the beggars their choice this year. And the winning treat? Vitamins. You have to love that.

Whitworth is sponsoring Cultural Awareness Week, "Our Global Mosaic," Nov. 17-21. This event features Whitworth clubs and community groups representing traditions, cultures, beliefs and lifestyles of different cultures. The event promotes learning and understanding of various cultures at Whitworth, in the surrounding community, and throughout the world. Michelle Bess, cultural events coordinator for ASWU, says it well: "With our world becoming more global, we can't afford to be unaware and unappreciative of other cultures." General admission tickets for the banquet are \$13; students and children get in for \$10, and children under 5 eat for free. Purchase your ticket prior to the event by calling 509.777.3796.

ATHLETICS

Football is wrapping up the year on a high note. Despite several injuries and a young squad, the Pirates are likely to finish third in the Northwest Conference. Much credit goes to Adam Anderson, '10, who is having a record-breaking season. He has set or tied school records for touchdowns in a game, touchdowns in a season, and all-purpose yards in a game. And he has a chance to set several more records in the season's final game this Saturday in the Pine Bowl.

The cross-country teams are celebrating. Whitworth won its first Northwest Conference men's cross country title in 36 years, knocking off seven-time champion Willamette University by placing four runners among the top 10. The Pirate women tied with Whitman for second place, as Willamette won the women's title. Next week the teams will run at the NCAA west regional; both can qualify for the NCAA Division III Championships in Minnesota in mid-November. Sophomores Dana Misterek and Nick Gallagher are running well in this championship phase of the season.

Men's soccer is in first place in the conference standings and has a chance to repeat as NWC champion. Freshman Eddy Prugh and senior John Prugh, brothers from Bozeman, Mont., have combined for 12 goals and seven assists this season. Bryan Olson and Caleb Barnhill have been named to the ESPN *The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-District Team.

Women's soccer can finish second in the NWC this season, and the Pirates have hopes of earning a second straight at-large bid to the NCAA Div. III tournament. Senior Penelope Crowe and junior Miranda Cosand were just named to the

CoSIDA Academic All-District team. The women continued their late-season surge, rolling past visiting Lewis & Clark 5-0 in a NWC match last Sunday.

The volleyball team continues through the ups and downs of a young team. At times there are five freshmen on the floor for the team. The Pirates have a chance to finish strongly the final two weeks of the year. Despite the youth this season, senior Nikki Bardwell has been demonstrating great leadership on the floor and has led the Pirates to several of their recent wins.

Just a week ago, Whitworth claimed the first major NWC tournament in the history of Pirate women's golf; the women won the NWC Fall Classic, holding off defending conference champion Pacific University. Krystal Pitkonen led the Whitworth women to the win. Men's golf, led by freshman Jeff Aly, finished fourth at the classic.

ALUMNI

Registration is now open to parents, alumni and friends for our 2009 Core 650 trip to Argentina and Uruguay with the Whitworth University Choir. Join Choral Director Marc A. Hafso and the choir next May 18-31 on a cultural exchange featuring a tour of the city of Buenos Aires, a visit to Cordoba, one of the first Spanish colonial capitals, and perhaps best of all, to hear the Whitworth Choir perform with five different local choral groups in churches and cathedrals. More details are available at www.whitworth.edu/southamerica09.

Homecoming weekend was a great success. The classes of 1988 and 1998 celebrated 20- and 10-year reunions, respectively, and the campus community celebrated the grand opening of the Lied Center for the Visual Arts. Other highlights from the weekend included a lecture from Alumni Mind & Heart Award Winner Marty Miller, '89, on his vocational path from Whitworth to working with farmworkers and other low-income families in rural Washington state; the celebration of our donors and of Marty and fellow Alumni Award-winners Andrea Palpant Dilley, '00, John Rodkey, '47, and Dorothy Detlor, '61, at the annual George F. Whitworth Honors Banquet; and Sunday's alumni worship service.

Once again, I've left myself room for only a few words. The big Whitworth news for October was our 10-year review by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Accreditation. Concluding their visit, Dr. Jane Atkinson, chair of the team, offered preliminary commendations and recommendations. The latter were fair and the former were encouraging. I'll conclude this letter to you with the first two commendations. 1) *The committee commends Whitworth University for articulating, communicating and enacting its mission with exceptional clarity, integrity and dedication.* 2) *The committee commends Whitworth University for creating and sustaining a community of grace and truth notable for its collective spirit and shared commitment to service.* For your many contributions to these immensely gratifying observations, we are very grateful.



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AN UPDATE FROM WHITWORTH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT BILL ROBINSON

OCTOBER 2008

Wow! What a September. "McCain names GOP's first woman vice presidential candidate..." "The biggest bank failure in history..." "\$770 billion bailout offers only hope to divert economic calamity." Every day, news stories seemed to begin with "Never in the history of the United States..." It was so wild that a presidential election breaking new ground in race and gender got bumped to Page 2. Academically, this is great stuff. Students debate the issues. They make their points like seasoned authorities. Bless them for that. But what does it all mean? What does it mean for their families, for their present and future children, for poor people, for national security, for world economies, for developing nations? How do students take on these questions without derailing their hope? How do they keep from getting overwhelmed without getting desensitized? How do they fight for their ideals without drowning in idealism? And how do we set an example that unites optimism and realism? I think we'll serve our students well if somehow we can allow these crises to humble us, to bend us toward those in need, to center us on solutions, and to trust in the God of all creation. Last Sunday I noticed a little more fervency when I prayed, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done..." Students will never forget this September. We consider it a great privilege to come alongside of them as they look for meaning and direction in these momentous days.

ACADEMICS

While dealing with national issues, our students rub shoulders with the entire world. This fall we welcomed 42 new international students, from Chile, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Honduras, India, Japan, Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, South Korea, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, the Ukraine, the United Kingdom and Uzbekistan. We also have 25 students traveling in the Britain and Ireland Study Program along with four Whitworth faculty members (who rotate assignments throughout the program). Another 28 Whitworth students are studying individually in Australia, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, France, Ghana, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, South Korea, Spain, Uganda and the United Kingdom. The world comes to our students, and our students plunge into the world.

This month, Whitworth Theatre proudly presents Marc Blitzstein's groundbreaking 1937 musical, *The Cradle Will Rock*. Set in fictional Steeltown, U.S.A., on the night of a labor union rally, *The Cradle Will Rock* is biting satirical, touching and funny. The play draws on a variety of musical styles in an exposé of hypocrisy and oppression that remains relevant and entertaining 70 years after its premiere. The play runs Oct. 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18.

"Old Bones in a New Vernacular," the premiere exhibit in the Ernst F. Lied Center for the Visual Arts, should not be missed. We are in the process of publishing a book showcasing significant pieces in Whitworth's permanent art collection. Most of them are also part of the opening exhibit. The book will be given to donors to the art building and will be available for viewing by prospective art students, patrons and gallery visitors.

Marking the transition from the former fine-arts building to the new visual-arts center, Whitworth held an art dig. "Exhume: A Twenty-Year Installation, 1988-2008," by Thomas O'Day, took place this week. Twenty years ago, O'Day buried 30 artworks outside Whitworth's fine-arts building. On Oct. 2, O'Day unearthed the pieces. He plans to reassemble them over the winter for a spring exhibit in the Oliver Gallery at Whitworth; the exhibit will run Feb. 17-April 3.

Our Speakers & Artists Series features a wide range of thinkers. Our guests include:

- Michele E. Storms, executive director of the William H. Gates Public Service Law Program for the University of Washington Law School, who gave our Constitution Day lecture, "What Does it Take to Guarantee Access to Justice for All?"
- Former U.S. Rep. George Nethercutt, who recently launched a foundation that offers civic education and leadership training to college students in eastern Washington; he lectured on citizenship in the 21st century. The Nethercutt Fellowship Program offers selected students life-changing opportunities in Washington, D.C.
- Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed, who presented a lecture on Washington election reform as part of a student initiative to encourage voter registration and participation in the November election.
- Pastor Greg Boyd and Professor Keith Wyma (Philosophy), who will discuss open theism vs. divine foreknowledge Oct. 22. Later that evening, Boyd will discuss his bestselling book *Myth of a Christian Nation*.
- Professor Doug Geivett of Biola University, who will present the Faith, Philosophy and Film Lecture Oct. 29.
- John Horack, of NASA, who will deliver the Science & Society Lecture on Oct. 30.

A complete list of speakers and arts events is located at www.whitworth.edu/speakers&artists.

Professor Scott Miller (Music) premiered *Songs of Soul Mates*, a new composition for tenor, English horn, and piano by composer Christopher Stanichar, in July at the International Double Reed Society Convention in Salt Lake City.

Peace-studies student Katie Petitt, '10, helped generate a generous grant for an association of homeless shelters based on her work with Whitworth and Gonzaga students who put on the Spokane Community Dinner. Diverse groups including business leaders, students, the mayor and people staying at a homeless shelter joined together for dinner and dialogue that focused on their common hopes for Spokane. The grant will allow the association to host five similar events in Spokane over the next year, as well as dinners throughout Washington state.

Whitworth students donated more than 2,500 hours of community service Sept. 23. In the latest chapter of a tradition begun by Whitworth students more than a century ago, Community-Building Day brought together an estimated 800 students, faculty and staff who rolled up their sleeves to support Spokane. Also, in keeping with our commitment to support sustainable practices, student volunteers helped harvest wheat at a new sustainable farm on the Whitworth campus.

STUDENT LIFE

In addition to countless other activities and events, intramural sports are under way with 43 teams signing up for competition in Frisbee and basketball, and for weekend volleyball tournaments. Coffee isn't the only way students keep their hearts pumping. We now are right in the middle of Homecoming Week, which includes residence-hall competitions that will surely dishonor the family names of all who participate.

This Sunday we present "15 for Freshmen." This program provides first-year students with 15 tips for staying healthy using the seven categories of the wellness wheel: spiritual, intellectual, social, physical, emotional, multicultural and occupational. Several Whitworth faculty and staff have been invited to offer advice in these areas. New students have so many things flying at them. Sometimes health disciplines get lost.

From ASWU President Obe Quarless: The reality of school is settling in. By this time, freshmen are anxiously awaiting their first trip home to visit their families, or they've already made that trip. In the past few weeks, summer has made one last attempt to stick around with higher temperatures and clear, sunny skies. Students are taking advantage of it before winter arrives and gets comfortable. All in all, students are finding their grooves on campus – learning what works for them and what does not. Now is the time to buckle down and do what we came here to do.

RESOURCES

Betty Verbrugge and her son, Gary, recently announced they will be giving Whitworth 605 acres of land in the picturesque Scotia Valley in southern Pend Oreille County. They also established an endowment fund for Whitworth, to be used for maintenance of the property and the future construction of a small field station for environmental studies and research. Whitworth science faculty and students have already visited the property to conduct research on native plants and water quality in the Little Spokane River. The property is simply idyllic. Academic V.P. Michael Le Roy, '89, expressed all of our hopes by quoting Henry David Thoreau's *Walden*: "...nature challenges one to 'live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life... and to learn what [the woods have] to teach.'" We expect the Verbrugge land to teach our students great things.

It has been a great first quarter for The Whitworth Fund. Thank you so much. It's hard for us not to be worried about gift support in this economic climate. So we are more thankful than ever for the continued great support of alumni, parents and friends.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth football is 2-1 after a dramatic 41-35 win at Chapman University. I was among more than 200 Whitworth family, friends and alums clutching our hearts before the Pirates rallied from a 35-27 fourth quarter deficit to win. Junior running back Adam Anderson accounted for 324 all-purpose yards and four touchdowns in the victory. He leads the Northwest Conference and ranks second in NCAA Division III in all-purpose yards. With starting quarterback

Kory Kemp sidelined by injury, our Homecoming game against the nationally ranked Willamette Bearcats will be a battle.

The Pirate volleyball team is 8-8 overall and 1-3 in conference. While the NWC record doesn't yet reflect where Coach Steve Rupe wants the team to be, the women are showing improvement. Freshman setters Jordon Hoffnagle and Bree Riddle share time directing the Pirate attack.

Men's soccer is 7-1-1 overall and 3-1 in the NWC after a great 3-2 win over Pacific Lutheran last weekend. Caleb Barnhill leads the team and the conference in goals scored with seven this season, including the match-winner against the Lutes. The Pirates are currently ranked No. 20 in the NSCAA Division III Coaches Poll.

Women's soccer is 5-2-1 overall and 1-2-1 in the NWC. Whitney Ramsey, Penelope Crowe and Emily Rohde each have three goals this season for the Pirates, who are ranked No. 15 in the latest NSCAA DIII Coaches Poll.

The Pirate cross-country teams are also making a name for themselves. The Whitworth women are ranked No. 20 after an impressive win over Willamette. The Pirate men are on the cusp of the top 25 and are currently third in the west region.

Women's tennis advanced seven of its eight players to the round of 16 in the Wilson/ITA Fall Regional at Willamette, and sophomore Rachel Burns and freshman Mya Towne made the semifinals.

The Pirate golf teams are off to a good start. The men's and women's teams will compete at the important NWC Fall Classic later this month. The men will play at Canyon Lakes, in Kennewick, and the women at Juniper, in Redmond, Ore.

ALUMNI

For the first time, one of our guest artists at the annual jazz concert is a former Whitworth student. He also happens to be the son of Whitworth Jazz Ensemble Director Dan Keberle. Trombonist Ryan Keberle and saxophonist Erica vonKleist will join the band for a night of hot jazz, beginning at 8 p.m. And alumni, parents and friends are invited to meet the artists and enjoy dessert prior to the event, at 6:45 p.m. in the HUB. Register online at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

I'm pleased to announce that we have a new alumni director – because we also have a new capital campaign director. We appointed Tad Wisenor, '89, who has served as director of alumni & parent relations/annual giving since 1995, to the position of campaign director, starting "as soon as we get through Homecoming." Tad served alumni superbly, and we expect the same level of excellence from him in his new position. We are also delighted that Aaron McMurray, '95, has accepted the position of director of alumni & parent relations/annual giving and special gifts. Aaron, who will begin in mid-October, served Young Life,

Inland NW, from 1997-2007 – as regional director since 2002. Most recently, Aaron has served as systems support manager for DAA Northwest, a great area auto dealer. Aaron and his wife, Darcy, have three children. He holds a master of arts in organizational leadership from Gonzaga University, and he will soon complete his Ph.D. in leadership studies at Gonzaga.

Join Pirate football fans for halftime refreshments on Oct. 25 in Atherton, Calif., as Whitworth takes on the Menlo Oaks. No reservations are necessary; just find us near the visitors' stands. Kickoff is at 11:30 a.m.

On Nov. 1, prior to our 1 p.m. start against PLU in Puyallup, Whitworthians will gather at 11 a.m. for lunch at The Ram. All the details are in the mail, and you can register on the alumni site.

MISCELLANEOUS

Thanks to all of you who receive *Of Mind & Heart* electronically. This saves us some green (as in money) and helps us be more green (as in easier on the earth). If you want to receive the electronic version, just go to www.whitworth.edu/mind&heart. The online version of M&H also has links to additional resources you may find helpful and interesting.

This week I was reminded of a September 50 years past. I had the chance to enjoy a day reminiscing with my three siblings and their spouses. Since all of them have spent a good part of their adult lives in overseas missions, our times together have been few but treasured. As the eight of us watched the White Sox eke into postseason play, I thought of September 1958, when my sister came down with an angry case of the flu. Showing immense sympathy, I embraced her. I even kissed her – tough for an 8-year-old. It worked. The World Series flu. No school. I camped in front of the TV, mom brought the bucket, and I was sick with a smile. At the very time I was busy exploiting my sister's illness, the Whitworth campus was celebrating a new batch of freshmen. Here's what it included: 832 fulltime students, a \$565 annual tuition bill, \$576 for room and board, and 512 beds on campus. Amazing. Whitworth has changed. Life seemed so different back then. But life wasn't necessarily better. Look at faces in this whole presidential election process that we would not have seen in 1958. We at Whitworth have a woman governor, two women U.S. senators, a woman U.S. congressional representative, a woman mayor and a woman faculty president. There is much we miss about the good old days, but there is so much that is good about the days we are in. For us at Whitworth, you, our friends, constitute a wonderful part of God's goodness. Thanks.



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SEPTEMBER 2008

Four days ago we welcomed roughly 550 freshmen and 80-plus transfer students to Whitworth. Today we start classes. These students will have compressed more action into the four days of orientation than some people experience in a lifetime. Typically, new students hit campus with a strange blend of enthusiasm and fear, knowing very few people and very little about life at Whitworth. By the time they go to bed on Tuesday night, they have racked up an entire building full of best friends and they know more about Whitworth than I do. They think their new friends, for whom they would surely give life and limb, will be friends forever. And they are right. Young men and women who just shook hands for the first time will gather here in 54 years, following a lifetime of commitment and loyalty to each other. They will attend each other's weddings. They will name their children after each other. They will shed tears of joy and sorrow with each other. They will pray faithfully for each other. And some of them will be our friends, too – friends with whom we will never lose contact. Our mission is to provide an education of the highest quality, and we believe such an education encompasses heart as well as mind. And that makes all the difference. Thanks for your partnership.

ACADEMICS

In addition to new students, we also welcome a talent-fest of new faculty members including Casey Andrews (English), Jennifer Brown (French), Katie Creyts (Art), Karen Peterson Finch (Theology), Todd Friends (School of Global Commerce), Fred Johnson (English), Kathryn Picanco (Education), Terry Ratcliff (Dean of Continuing Studies) and Meredith TeGrotenhuis Shimizu, '93 (Art and Core). Visiting faculty members for this academic year include Chad Carmichael (Philosophy), Anders Gardestig (Physics), and Nate Moyer, '04 (Math).

The Whitworth Speakers & Artists series this fall will enhance all that happens in our classrooms. Some coming features:

- Michele Storms will give the annual Constitution Day Lecture Sept. 17. Storms is the executive director of the William H. Gates Public Service Law Program for the University of Washington Law School.
- Washington Secretary of State Sam Reed will address the topic of Washington state election reform on Sept. 29.
- John "Chuck" Chalberg, from Normandale Community College (Minn.), who delights audiences with historical impersonations, will present *Teddy Roosevelt: One-Man Show*, on Oct. 8.
- David Oliver Relin, co-author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Three Cups of Tea*, our common-reading book for this year's freshmen, will talk about social issues and their effect on children, both in the U.S. and around the world, on Oct. 13.

You can find a complete list of Whitworth Speakers & Artists events at www.whitworth.edu/speakers&artists.

The Ernst F. Lied Center for the Visual Arts, Whitworth's new 20,000-square-foot visual-arts building, will open for classes on Sept. 3. In addition to new classrooms, the building features two galleries, six studios for a variety of disciplines, and interior view corridors as well as exterior views to the center of campus and toward the mountains to the north. I just toured the building and it is absolutely stunning.

On Sept. 9 we'll host the inaugural art exhibit in the Lied Center's Bryan Oliver Gallery. The exhibit features highlights from Whitworth's permanent collection and newest acquisitions, and runs through Oct. 19. It is fitting that this gallery be named after Bryan Oliver. The late son of Shirley Oliver, '77, and Whitworth Board Chair Walt Oliver, '67, Bryan could not have been more talented and full of life. We believe his spirit will live in this gallery through talented artists who depict life in what they display.

In July, the School of Global Commerce & Management celebrated the graduation of 16 new master of international management and master of business administration students. The International Business Award, sponsored by Kim Hotstart, Inc., was presented to graduate Kenshiro Uki, who will manage the Japanese satellite of his family's Hawaii-based business. Andrea Lloyd received the Academic Achievement Award, sponsored by Advantage IQ, and Bonnie Wakefield was selected by her classmates to receive the Graduate Studies in Business Ambassador Award.

The Whitworth Organizational Management Program is a very rigorous and somewhat compressed curriculum designed for adult learners whose college careers were interrupted for any number of reasons. Many of the students have resumed their education after more than a decade out of school. Most wonder if they're up to the task. Well, they are. In the cohort of students that just graduated, our 23rd, five of the 11 will begin graduate study this fall, and one will start a program next spring. We are very proud of these Whitworthians who added school to work and family in order to complete a dream.

Roger Mohrlang (Theology) just submitted a particularly inspiring sabbatical report. Last spring he spent four weeks in Michika, Nigeria, where 40 years

ago he began a six-year project to build a translation of the Kamwe (Higi) New Testament. On his trip this summer, he worked with the Kamwe Bible Translation Committee to lay a foundation for the translation of the Kamwe Old Testament – a project that will probably take 10 years to complete. Roger taught a week-long course for 30 potential Bible translators and reviewers and spent time with the chief translators, checking their translations of Ruth, Esther, and parts of Exodus. The Kamwe hope that Roger will be able to return to Michika every year as a translation consultant, until the entire Bible is published. Roger just glows as he tells of the relationships that rekindled instantly as he returned to these people he has loved and served.

ENROLLMENT

We begin this fall with our largest incoming class of freshman students. They come from 18 states and include 15 international students. This class is not only the highest in number, but it also boasts the highest grade-point average. It's a good thing they're smart, because they'll need to figure out how to communicate with shredded voiceboxes. When I talked to new students at the "Plug-in Fair," where they sign up for pretty much everything, they all sounded raspy from Monday's "yell off." Last night, Mock Rock finished off what's left of their voices. By the time they start class today, they will have exhausted all of their non-academic impulses, leaving them anxious to start studying.

We plan on enrolling a smaller freshman class next year, so we urge any potential applicants to get their applications in early. Even though March 1 is the deadline, we admit students as their admissions files are completed. This is to say that we like "eager," and we don't have unlimited space.

We look forward to having a large new residence hall next year, and we apologize to you families who have students in crowded rooms. The sharp rise in the percentage of first-year men contributed to the challenge. We improved the situation somewhat by converting Schumacher to a male residence hall (prompting one of our student leaders to announce that over the summer Schumacher underwent a sex change), but we still have some triples in double rooms. We anticipate having enough space in the second semester.

STUDENT LIFE

On the Sunday night of Orientation Weekend, Whitworth student David Kuraya dazzled new students with his famed magic show. He's amazing. Maybe he can do something about the Mariners. Next is a dance on the Stewart Hall lawn and a huge Bingo game.

The rest of the month will include Community Building Day, during which more than 500 students will go out into the Spokane community for a half day of service with members of our faculty and staff. We're also getting ready for Homecoming Weekend, featuring dorm competitions, the choosing of student royalty, the homecoming dance, the grand opening of the Ernst F. Lied Center for the Visual Arts, and, remarkably, home games for football, men's and women's soccer, and volleyball.

A note from ASWU President Obe Quarless: "August marked the return of students to Whitworth. Student-life leaders, student-government officials, varsity athletes, and international students all trickled onto campus to prepare for their leadership and athletic involvement this fall. Anxious freshmen and their parents have now poured onto campus, and returning students arrived on Sept. 1 – all anticipating the first day of classes Sept. 3. Freshmen are now participating in dorm 'traditions' (traditions and initiations), which bond new students to build friendships and unity in the residence halls."

RESOURCES

Because so many of you have been kind enough to take calls from our phonathoners, we have attracted a great group of students to make calls this year. Thank you so much for supporting The Whitworth Fund. We will kick off this year's drive at end of the month; it will continue through April. Most of you will

get a call from a current student asking you to update your contact information and consider a gift. I hope you alumni "calles" will share a favorite Whitworth story with these students. It is a great way for today's generation of students to learn what Whitworth was like in years gone by. Again, thanks so much to all of you for your support.

ATHLETICS

Cross-country is looking for big things in 2008. Nick Gallagher and Dusty Caseria, individual national qualifiers in 2007, hope to lead the men's team to the NCAA Division III championships this year. Jo E. Mayer will run at the head of the pack of an improved women's team. The Pirates hosted an opening meet on Aug. 29; they'll officially open the season on Sept. 6 at the Whitman Invitational.

The volleyball team began play by traveling to New York City to compete in the NYU Labor Day Invitational. Seniors Nikki Bardwell, Jill Solbrack and Holly Tomlin led the youngest volleyball team Whitworth has fielded in many years. They did a great job. Whitworth went 4-0 and won the tournament behind the play of freshman Kaimi Rocha, who was named MVP.

Men's soccer hopes to win its fourth Northwest Conference title in the last five years. The defense should be very strong, led by junior Bryan Olson and seniors Ben Rotert and Travis Jette. The Bucs got off to a great start with wins over Cal State East Bay and four-time defending MIAC champion Gustavus Adolphus (Minn.), 4-0.

The women's soccer team aims to improve on last season, the best in Whitworth's NCAA DIII history, when the Pirates finished 18-3 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament. Seniors Kelly Baker, Penelope Crowe, Kim Mitchell and Kara Tisthammer will lead what promises to be a strong and balanced team this fall. Whitworth defeated a strong team from Chapman on Sept. 1 in Tacoma, 2-0.

Football will play its first home game Sept. 13 against La Verne (Calif.). The Pirates have a chance to do something Whitworth hasn't done since 1955 – win three straight conference titles in football. Senior QB Kory Kemp will direct a strong offense that will feature 2007 NWC Offensive Player of the Year Adam Anderson at running back. Senior Dan Sanders provides leadership for an experienced offensive line. Graduation has left the defense needing nine new starters, but we have a number of talented players ready to step in.

ALUMNI

Join SoCal Whitworthians in Orange, Calif., on Saturday evening, Sept. 27, for a pre-game barbecue at 5 p.m. and the inaugural football game (Pirates v. Panthers) on Chapman University's new field at 7 p.m. Details and online registration are available at www.whitworth.edu/alumni. I'll be there, and I'll be giving the sermon at the First Presbyterian Church of Irvine the next morning.

The fall musical, *The Cradle Will Rock*, will be performed on consecutive weekends in October, and if you attend on Oct. 11 you can enjoy a pre-play dessert at 6:45 p.m. before the curtain rises at 8. At the dessert, Associate Professor of Theatre Diana Trotter, the play's director, will preview this 1937 Federal Theatre Project production. Online registration is now available.

You can also register online for Homecoming Weekend events Oct. 3-5. We'll have a breakfast honoring the new Heritage Gallery Athletics Hall of Fame inductees shortly before the grand opening of the Ernst F. Lied Center for the Visual Arts. As it turns out, all of our fall sports except cross-country are home that weekend, so you can take in football, soccer and volleyball. We will also host reunions for the baseball team, the art department, and the classes of 1988 and 1998. All details are available at www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.

MISCELLANEOUS

***Travelin' Light, The Italy & Hawaii Tours* is the new CD from the 2008 Whitworth Jazz Ensemble.** The CD is from the outstanding band, featuring vocalist Molly Mason, that came in first at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival last year. The CD is now available in the music office for \$15.

It has been about 18 hours since I sat down to write this newsletter. Orientation hours are like dog years, so a lot has happened, including Mock Rock. It was wild. Even though I'm sure that wasn't your kid pirouetting across the stage wearing only his boxers and a smile, you probably would have seen a rather extroverted version of your child had you been in the fieldhouse last night. It's all fun, and the mood contrasts ferociously with the academic life that began this morning. I'm certain that 99 percent of the students feel ready to start classes today. It's why they are here. It's why we are here. These are bright students who carry a deep sense of purpose into their work. In Opening Convocation Thursday morning I will tell students the story of Queen Esther. Her initial response to the imperiled state of her people was to remain silent. But her sense of call seemed to awaken when her cousin Mordecai, who adopted her, asked the question, "Could it be that you are in this royal position for such a time as this?" From a global perspective, getting to attend college constitutes a royal position. It is a position of privilege and responsibility. Our students will hear that from us repeatedly. I wonder if some students starting classes today were led to Whitworth for just such a time as this – a time when two billion people in the world need food, shelter and healthcare, and even more people need to know the fullness of Christ's love. I won't be surprised to find these students answering the call of leadership to make this a more loving and just world. Thank you for joining us in preparing them for this great cause.



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SUMMER 2008

Summer is so great. While our students and faculty fan out around the world, life at Whitworth zooms. The presence of sunshine and the absence of students seem to prime the adrenaline pumps of our facilities staff. Half of them make the campus beautiful while the other half dig trenches and gut buildings. And both halves make Whitworth a better place. Summer blessings have certainly splashed all over the Robinson family. One daughter got married shortly before the other one had a baby boy. When your children are home and dear friends visit, life is rich. Had I not suffered a painful but non-serious injury in Hoopfest (prompting my wife to explain that my next basketball game would be my last one as a married man and my back surgeon to threaten me with a full-body fusion), the summer would be perfect. But nothing salves pain and discomfort like a couple thousand students and the rush of anticipation that precedes their arrival. We're all on edge, and it's a great edge. I trust the summer to end well for all of you, and we pray for God's special blessing on our students and families who will travel to Whitworth soon.

ACADEMICS

The art department has moved from the poorhouse to the penthouse. In July they took occupancy of the Ernst F. Lied Center for the Visual Arts. This new two-story, 20,000-square-foot building houses six studios and two gallery spaces and is nearly 2,000 square feet larger than the old fine-arts building. Two new art professors will join our faculty in the building this fall. We are so grateful to the Lied Foundation Trust for supporting this project. Under the extraordinarily wise and compassionate leadership of Ms. Christina Hixson, this foundation has enriched tens of thousands of young lives nationwide.

Right next door to the Lied Center, big renovations in Alder and Westminster halls are keeping heavy equipment around. By next spring we will have picked up much more classroom space and many more faculty offices. The theology department will move into Alder/Westminster, joining English, kinesiology & athletics, and modern languages.

Whitworth grants have supported summer research by our faculty, including...

- Brooke Kiener, '99 (Theatre), studying community-based research methods in theatre classrooms.
- Finn Pond (Biology), exploring DNA sequence data to shed light on the killer trait expressed by certain strains of paramecia.
- Diana Trotter (Theatre), looking into the artistic, theological and personal implications of embodying the role of Jesus; she has conducted this research in part by interviewing professional actors who have played the role on stage.
- Ben Brody, '97 (Music), composing an anthology of congregational hymns with musical and historical introductions for use in his Music of the Christian Church course.
- Nancy Bunker (Library), researching the life of May C. Jones, the first woman ordained to the ministry in the territory of Washington and the first ordained Northern Baptist woman in the country.
- Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry), studying the interaction between subunits G and E in the yeast V-ATPase enzyme.
- Bendi Schrambach (French), investigating the relationship between studying abroad and students' vocational direction.
- Patrick Van Inwegen (Political Science), revising a textbook, *Understanding Revolution*.

We also have faculty members working with undergraduate students on summer research projects:

- Patricia Bruininks (Psychology) is studying the nature of hope and the relationship between poverty and hope.
- Drew Budner (Chemistry) is investigating two different electrochemical sensors for the detection of hydrogen peroxide in an effort to understand how they function.
- Susan Mabry (Math/Computer Science) is looking into a computer system to be used in medical diagnostics and to provide intervention suggestions to healthcare personnel through rapid recognition and alert of adverse trends or events.
- Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry) is working with an LC-MS mass spectrometer that was recently acquired by Gonzaga University.
- Kamesh Sankaran (Physics) is using a Washington Space Grant for research on numerical simulations of plasma flows in magnetic nozzles for spacecraft propulsion.
- Betty Williams (Education) is studying the academic gains made by students in the summer 2008 Whitworth Literacy Center program, and by literacy-center clients over time, to determine the cumulative contribution of Whitworth's intensive approach in terms of academic improvement.
- Nick Willis (Math) is working on singularity theory and the classification of singular points for a family of polynomials of fixed degree.

At the May Dean's Brunch the following faculty members were recognized by their peers for outstanding teaching:

- Academic Challenge Award: John Yoder (Political Science)
- Academic Mentoring Award: Susan Mabry (Math/Computer Science)
- Collaborative Teaching Award: Pam Parker, '81 (English)
- Dean's Junior Faculty Award: Alan Mikkelsen, '00 (Communication Studies)

- Innovative Teaching Award: Deanna Ojennus (Chemistry) (I can see where some innovation might help in making that yeast V-ATPase enzyme exciting.)

Two faculty members have published new books:

- Julia Stronks (Political Science) and her mother, Gloria Stronks, Ph.D., have completed their second book, which they chose to post to the Internet for free. *Families Living in the Fabric of Faithfulness* may be downloaded from www.whitworth.edu/livinginthefabric. Many former faculty, current students and alumni were interviewed for this project. It presents ideas and suggestions from committed Christian parents and children, all of whom are struggling to connect the way they live with the deepest commitments of their hearts.
- Northwestern University Press published *The Conservative Resurgence and the Press: The Media's Role in the Rise of the Right*, the latest book by Jim McPherson (Communication Studies). Jim argues that direct mail and a strong nationwide political organization contributed more than conservative broadcast media did to the Republican resurgence that began with Ronald Reagan's election as president in 1980 and continued with Republicans taking control of Congress for the first time in 40 years, in 1994.

Two faculty members recently received grants:

- Dennis Sterner (Education) received a grant from the Washington Office of the Superintendent for Public Instruction for workshops for teachers on new state education requirements.
- Janet Hauck (Library/History) received a grant from the Washington State Library for preservation of archival materials.

From Oct. 22-24, Whitworth will host a 10-member team from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities as they conduct our 10-year accreditation site visit. Our last full-scale visit was in 1998. Many board members, administrators, faculty, staff and students have participated in the self-study over the past two years, and their open and honest evaluation of Whitworth's strengths and challenges has helped not only to prepare for this visit, but also to make immediate improvements.

Beth Carlson, '08, has been awarded a Fulbright scholarship to teach English as a foreign language in South Korea. Last November, the Fulbright Program named Whitworth a top producer of students who received Fulbright awards in 2007-08.

A team comprising Whitworth and University of Washington students was awarded a \$5,000 Best Idea Prize in the UW's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Business Plan Competition. The team, Krochet Kids International, is a nonprofit company that provides crochet products made in developing nations to U.S. consumers. Profits are put back into the communities from which the products come. Whitworth's Krochet Kids team members are elementary education major Leah Hartanov, '08, and business major Travis Hartanov, '08. Their colleagues are the UW's Kohl Crecelius, Ryan Thomas and Ryan Motley. This is an inspiring effort.

ENROLLMENT

We are about to welcome the amazing class of 2012. Our admissions folks give rave reviews to this group of students. We are also expecting a strong group of transfer students. Because the freshman class will be slightly larger than we planned, we're making some special accommodations. And a year from now, we will open a beautiful new residence hall that will expand on-campus housing opportunities and replace a few of our tired halls.

All new students will be greeted by returning students we can't wait to see. I am really fond of this year's senior class. I can't believe this is their last year. I may see if we can flunk a few of them, making it not so much their last year.

Between now and Aug. 16, 15 events around the West will allow many of you to gather and celebrate new Whitworth students and their families. These Summer Sendoffs, a tradition co-sponsored by the Whitworth Office of Alumni & Parent Relations and Whitworth Admissions, provide a chance for incoming students to connect regionally and for parents to get their last-minute questions answered by staff and current parents. The event listing is available on the alumni and parent events calendar at www.whitworth.edu/alumnievents.

STUDENT LIFE

New students, make sure you take in all of Orientation Weekend! The NASCAR motif may sink us participants to new lows. But you will learn a ton and you'll prepare yourself well for the coming year.

We received \$70,400 from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for a ministry internship program that will provide two interns for two years to assist in our chapel programs. They will also serve as resident assistants in the new Shalom Community Center Residence Hall. Because the spiritual growth of our students is central to our mission, we are deeply appreciative to Murdock for this generous support.

RESOURCES

Thanks to all of you who supported Whitworth this past fiscal year. We are finishing up our final tallies, but it looks like you provided total gifts in excess of \$8 million, with nearly \$1.4 million going to The Whitworth Fund. Thank you so much. We could not continue to offer this mind-and-heart education to a growing number of students without your ongoing commitment to partnership with us. We hope you can support us again this current year.

On-campus summer projects are legion. In fact, there are too many to list here. One project that won't be done until October has resulted in steam-line trenches on the north side of campus. It shouldn't affect getting around, but it isn't very pretty. This subterranean infrastructure will serve the new science building.

ATHLETICS

Whitworth had four Academic All-Americans named in June. Scott Donnell (tennis) and Samantha Kephart (swimming) were named to the *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA At-Large Academic All-America Team, while Ben Spaun and Cody Stelzer were both named to the *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Track and Field/Cross-Country Academic All-America Team.

The Whitworth track and field teams excelled in the classroom, as well as in competition. The Pirate women had the highest team GPA (3.642) in all of NCAA Div. III, according to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The same association named the Whitworth men the Outdoor Scholar Team of the Year, based on both the team's cumulative GPA (3.214) and its third-place finish at the NCAA DIII Outdoor Championships. Cody Stelzer was named Indoor Field Scholar-Athlete of the Year, based on his cumulative GPA of 3.479 and his runner-up finish in the high jump at the 2008 NCAA DIII Indoor Championships. Cody is also the DIII national champion in the outdoor high jump, and Emmanuel Bofa is DIII national champ in the 800. And Kristen Dormaier, Liz Mattila, Brandon Howell, Alex Hymel, and Ben Spaun were named USTFCCA Scholar Athletes (based on their qualifying for nationals while maintaining cumulative GPAs of 3.25 or higher).

Whitworth has two new head coaches. Joe Abraham, who developed one of the largest and strongest touring softball programs in the Midwest, has moved from Columbus, Ohio, to take over the Pirate softball program. And Dan Ramsay, '08, a standout on our last two Pirate baseball teams, will stay in the dugout – as Whitworth's new head baseball coach.

ALUMNI

Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 3-5, will be a huge celebration as alumni and donors get their first official look at the new art building, and the classes of 1988 and 1998 and art-department alumni celebrate reunions on campus. Brochures will be mailed soon, and event information is at www.whitworth.edu/homecoming.

Help us christen Chapman's new football stadium, in Orange, Calif., when the Pirates take on the Panthers Sept. 27. More details will be mailed soon, so plan to join alumni, parents and friends for a pre-game barbecue on campus at 5:30 p.m. and an evening of football under the lights beginning at 7 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Our Act Six Leadership & Scholarship Initiative is being expanded to Spokane. Nine Spokane-area students will be eligible for scholarships covering their financial need to attend Whitworth or Gonzaga beginning in fall 2009. Launched in 2002 by the Tacoma-based Northwest Leadership Foundation in partnership with Whitworth, Act Six is committed to preparing students to become leaders in their home communities. The initial program has expanded to Seattle, Portland, Memphis, Tenn., and now Spokane. Gonzaga is the latest university affiliate. This fall, the sixth multicultural cadre of 10 Act Six scholars will enroll at Whitworth and, by December, 20 of the 21 scholars in the first two cadres will have graduated. Overall, 63 of 67 scholars originally selected for the program have graduated or are still enrolled at Whitworth – reflecting graduation and retention rates that far exceed national averages. Act Six scholars have been elected student-body president two of the past three years at Whitworth and have been involved in numerous other leadership roles on and off campus.

We just received word that our strong and dear English professor Nadine Chapman died this week after a four-year battle with ovarian cancer; the long, chronic disease suddenly turned virulent. Frankly, Nadine fought so courageously that many of us forgot she was ill. In all the best literal and metaphorical senses, Nadine was a poet. As a gardener and cantor, wife and mother, colleague and friend, Nadine made beautiful poetry. Her husband, John, tells how she dearly loved Whitworth. I thought about that last night when Bonnie and I had dinner with a family that moved in just down the street a year ago. They came to Spokane to be with their son, who is now a 15-year-old Whitworth senior double-majoring in math and computer science. He is a great kid. There's no other way of saying it. Also at dinner was one of his classmates, who came to us from Ghana. Both guys talked of how much they like Whitworth. Last night I reflected on Nadine and these two young men. None of the three would be characterized as "mainstream Whitworth," whatever that is, but all three expressed love for this place. I'm convinced that only when Whitworth is a place where someone can say, "I'm different, and I belong" or "I'm different, and I am loved," can we claim to be the body of Christ. Sometimes we fail at that, but Nadine's life and her poetry will remind us to keep trying.

